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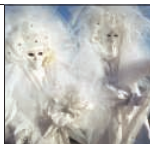
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# Half of IRR call-ups seek delay, deferment

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Above: President Bush and first lady Laura Bush stand next to Staff Sgt. Robin Minor, from left, Capt. Brian Chontosh and Cpl. Klaiton South during "Saluting Those Who Serve" on Tuesday at the MCI Center in Washington. Left: The president and first lady sit with servicemembers during the event, part of inauguration festivities.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## War on terrorism

**Gitmo detainee released:** Kuwait's first detainee to be freed from the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is now being interrogated by prosecutors in his home country, the head of a group that lobbied for his release said Tuesday.

U.S. forces captured Nasser al-Mutairi, 27, in Afghanistan and transferred him to the Guantanamo base with other accused supporters of the country's ousted Taliban regime or al-Qaida terrorist network.

Kuwaiti prosecutors detained and questioned him soon after his arrival from Cuba in a government airplane, but it was not clear yet if any charges would be pressed, according to Khaled al-Odah, the father of a Guantanamo detainee.

## World

**India missile test:** India tested its most sophisticated short-range missile on Wednesday, a news agency reported.

The surface-to-air missile was test-fired from a range in India's main testing center in Chandipur-on-Sea in the eastern state of Orissa, Press Trust of India said.

With a range of six miles, the solid fuel-propelled missile known as "Trishul" is capable of targeting aircraft and sea-skimming missiles. It can carry a warhead of up to 33 pounds.

**Kuwait terrorism:** Suspected terrorists who shot police officers dead received money from sources in a "brotherly neighboring country," the interior minister said in remarks published Wednesday.

Some of the 25 men detained for the shoot-outs with police on Jan. 10 and 15 will be referred to the prosecutor general next week, the interior minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah, was quoted as saying by the pro-government newspaper Al-Anba.

The minister did not name the neighboring country from which the suspects got their funds, but he said Kuwait was receiving "around the clock" cooperation from Saudi Arabia. Some of the detainees are Saudi nationals.

**Russia school seizure:** A top Russian prosecutor said Wednesday that seven suspected accomplices in the terrorist seizure of a school in southern Russia had been killed in special operations, two arrested and charged, and six put on a federal wanted list.

Nikolai Shepel, the deputy prosecutor general for the southern federal district, said that criminal cases had also been opened against five police officers for negligence that permitted the school in the southern town of Beslan to be seized in September, leading to the deaths of more than 330 hostages.

Russian officials have said 32 raiders took part in the attack and 31 of them were killed while one was captured.

## States

**Police discrimination lawsuit:** A former



**Severe California weather:** Field workers pick broccoli in a soggy field in Somis, Calif.

**Record rainfall** that swept through California last week cost Ventura County farmers at least \$38 million, although growers in other areas reported only minor damage to crops. The initial estimate of \$38 million in crop and equipment losses was expected to rise, county Agricultural Commissioner W. Earl McPhail said Tuesday.

Inglewood, Calif., police officer who was fired for punching a black teenager and slamming him against a patrol car was awarded \$1.6 million Tuesday by the jury in a discrimination lawsuit he and his partner brought against the city.

The jury voted 11-1 in favor of the verdict for Jeremy Morse, said defense attorney Gregory Smith. He said the jury was unanimous in awarding \$810,000 to Morse's partner, Bijan Darvish, who had been disciplined in connection with the 2002 incident.

**Nail gun accident:** A construction worker who shot himself in the head with a nail gun — an accident he didn't discover until he went to the dentist with a nagging toothache — said he'll change his line of work.

"I'll make pizzas," Patrick Lawler, 23, said Tuesday.

Lawler was working on a house near Breckenridge, Colo., when he accidentally fired the nail into his head.

**Kerik investigation:** To avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, the Department of Investigations' top inspector will not take part in the investigation of former New York City police commissioner Bernard Kerik, officials said.

Michael Caruso, been inspector general of the Department of Investigations since 1990, is also an assistant commissioner at the Department of Correction and is responsible for corruption investigations there. The agency did not explain why Caruso would not participate, but it is known that he attended Kerik's wedding reception in 1998, and Kerik wrote in his autobiography that Caruso helped him prepare for a job interview in 2000 with then-mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

**Blake murder trial:** A prosecution witness at Robert Blake's murder trial acknowledged he was unsure whether gunshot residue found on the actor's hands and clothes came from firing a gun the night Blake's

wife was fatally shot.

"Is there anything about your tests that would exclude the possibility that the defendant fired a gun that night?" Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels asked coroner's criminalist Steven Dowell.

"No," Dowell said during testimony Tuesday. But on cross-examination by defense attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach, Dowell said it was also possible Blake had gunshot residue on his hands and clothes from other sources the night Bonny Lee Bakley was killed.

**Coast Guard safety measures:** The Coast Guard plans new safety measures to protect towboat crews from high water after a tugboat sank on the Ohio River last week, killing three of its seven crewmembers and leaving one presumed dead.

A task force will examine whether to impose towing limits, identify dangerous stretches of river and issue safety rules during high water, Coast Guard Cmdr. Wyman W. Briggs said Tuesday. Its members will also consider whether an assist vessel should be required in dangerous parts of the Ohio during fast currents.

**Michael Jackson case:** A television journalist has asked a judge to deny a request by prosecutors for him to testify at Michael Jackson's child molestation trial.

Martin Bashir's 2003 documentary prompted an outcry after Jackson said on camera that he continued to sleep in the same room as his young male house guests. Bashir, who now works for ABC News, was called by prosecutors to testify about other things the pop star said that may not have made the two-hour documentary's final cut.

But Bashir said in a motion filed Tuesday that his work "speaks for itself" and that under California's shield law, journalists cannot be forced to testify about what they observe while reporting a story.

Bashir's motion is to be considered at Jan. 28 hearing.

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# IRR delays hold up Army's empty war slots

By LISA BURGESS  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Half the Individual Ready Reserve members given orders by the Army to fight the war on terror have asked for either a delay or an exemption to the order, and Army officials are approving the majority — 66 percent — of the requests.

Hundreds of other IRR members, meanwhile, simply have failed to show up at deployment stations when ordered to do so.

"Instead of declaring the scowls as an absent without leave, or AWOL," the Army is choosing to give these people "the benefit of the doubt," Lt. Col. Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman in the Pentagon, said in a Tuesday interview.

The combination of IRR deferments and no-shows is slowing the Army's effort to fill critical slots in deploying units.

"It would be fair to say there's a delay," Hart said.

Nevertheless, "the [Army] leadership is not alarmed" by the state of the IRR call-up, Hart said.

Hart's email even called the (full) number (of IRR members) were authorized to call," Hart said.

## GI exempt because of ill child

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A former soldier who completed his enlistment five years ago and now has a seriously ill 16-month-old son has won an exemption from being recalled to active duty for service in Iraq.

Terry Fitzpatrick, 26, of Milton said an Army representative called Tuesday and said his wife, Susan, has a son with a medical Ready Reserve call-up had been canceled.

"I'm really relieved," Fitzpatrick said. "I don't know if it was the publicity or what."

In January 2004, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said the Army could call up to 6,500 people from the IRR in order to fill empty slots in units mostly bound for Iraq and Afghanistan.

The IRR is a category of servicemen who have left active duty or active reserve service but still have time left on their obligation to serve.

With the intention of minimizing the disruption to civilians no longer in uniform, Army officials said they "scrubbed the lists" of requests to pinpoint 4,402 "absolutely must-fill" positions.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Jeb Bush said the Army Reserve also informed Bush's military adviser, Glenn Sutphin, of the decision.

Sutphin had contacted Army officials at Bush's request after seeing news reports about Fitzpatrick's situation.

The Fitzpatricks' son, Will, suffers from multiple birth defects, including a malformed heart and gap between his esophagus and stomach. He cannot yet walk, feeds intellectually and needs special feedings and daily medication.

From The Associated Press

Knowing that not everyone called would make the cut, the same officials decided to send orders to 5,674 IRR members to report for training and deployment, a process that will extend through March 2005.

But attrition is turning out to be higher than Army officials had anticipated.

Of the 3,845 mobilization orders sent to IRR members as of Dec. 28, 1,919 people requested either a delay or an exemption from the deployment, Hart said.

An adjudication board at the Army's Human Resources Command in St. Louis

has approved 1,258 of the requests, Hart said.

Only 85 requests have been disapproved, while 576 requests are pending a decision. Meanwhile, another 452 IRR members who were supposed to report to their mobilization stations before Dec. 28 not only did not contact the board, they did not show up at all.

They failed to report "for varying reasons," Hart said, such as not understanding that they have a legal obligation to do so, or because Army personnel officials "did not have the correct mailing address."

However, the Army "hasn't categorized anyone in AWOL status," Hart said, and is not moving to prosecute or punish any IRR member who did not report as ordered.

Instead, officials in the Army's Human Resources Command "is contacting [these 452 people] by phone ... to inform them of their different options," such as formally requesting an exemption or delay, Hart said.

Asked why the Army officials appear to be treating the IRR so leniently, Hart replied, "This is a special group of people."

"We're being compassionate with this group of individuals, and giving them the benefit of the doubt," she said.

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# Aviano checks vehicles for damage from 'shredders'

## Security device apparently has unwanted effect

By KENT HARRIS  
Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — A device designed to make personnel on the base safer may be having the opposite effect on their cars.

The 31st Fighter Wing is asking all those assigned to Aviano — American or Italian — to get their vehicles inspected because of concerns that the so-called "tire shredders" installed at the gates may have caused serious damage to tires.

Col. Scott Chambers, commander of the 31st Mission Support Group, said inspections already carried out have found that some tires have indeed been damaged. He said rumors that hundreds of tires have suffered severe damage are just that: rumors. "But even if it's a single tire in a single vehicle, that's a problem," he said.

So officials decided to temporarily lower the sharpened metal barriers Tuesday. The decision was made even before airmen conducted a series of tests to see if they could verify or rule out damage.

"They're trying to determine: Are the shredders safe? And, if they are, we'll have documented proof," Chambers said.

But there are those on base who already have proof: damaged tires.

Senior Airman Jason David was producing a segment for American Forces Network television to promote the tire inspection. He was somewhat nervous he'd get his own vehicle inspected. He said he went, reluctantly. Inspectors discovered both front tires on



KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

A car drives over a "tire shredder" installed at the main gate of Aviano Air Base, Italy, on Tuesday. The devices, designed to puncture the tires of vehicles coming in the wrong direction, have damaged the tires of some cars traveling in the right direction. All those with cars registered on base, as well as the Italian war force, have been urged to get their tires inspected on base to see if there's damage.

his BMW had suffered major damage.

"From the outside looking at it, they look fine," he said. But the tread on the tires showed puncture marks. "You can see where the spikes went into the tires."

David was given a paper to take to the base's legal office to file a claim.

Base officials said that several claims have been submitted but none has been resolved yet.

David said he has ordered tires online and is hopeful the military will pay to replace the damaged tires.

"I'm very happy with what the base is doing," he said. "They could be just doing nothing about it."

Chambers said he wasn't aware of anyone driving over the spikes in the proper direction who had immediately suffered a flat tire. But he said the base had heard enough complaints to investigate potential long-term damage.

Military bases at Vicenza, Camp Darby, and Naples, Italy, don't have the spikes at their base gates. Several major bases in Germany also don't use the devices. It's thought that driving over the barriers at low speeds is safer. So Aviano has installed speed bumps right before the barriers and posted electronic signs telling drivers how fast they're going while exiting the base. The preferred speed is 5 mph or under.

Chambers said officials are looking at three theories on how the barriers might be damaging tires:

That hasn't happened. But the devices have shown they work by stopping a few confused motorists flat in their tracks.

## Inspection schedule

Aviano Air Base is conducting a free tire inspection for all POVs registered on base (not including government-owned vehicles).

The voluntary inspections, which take about 10 minutes, started Jan. 5. Inspections are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Hangar 6 (next to outdoor recreation).

Appointments for plates ending in 1-5 were held earlier this month. Remaining dates are: Jan. 20 — license plates with the last number ending in 6; Jan. 21, 24 — license plates ending in 7; Jan. 25, 26 — license plates ending in 8; Jan. 27, 28 — license plates ending in 9; Jan. 31 — license plates ending in 0. Feb. 1, 2 — all personnel who missed earlier dates.

— Kent Harris

■ Excessive speed. That might cause the car to rise higher off the road and land on the spikes. It also might be damaging the devices.

■ Traveling across the devices at an angle other than straight on. One device that was not working properly on a curve has been moved.

■ Faulty spikes. The 31st Security Forces Squadron has been checking the spikes every day and reporting those not working properly to the 31st Civil Engineer Squadron to fix or replace.

Chambers said the base would replace those that were damaged or damaged after the inspection is finished in early February. If the spikes are found to be causing too much damage, they'll be replaced by another model or removed.

"There are other ways to mitigate [gate security concerns]," he said. "And we'll take a look at them."

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AP photos

Members of the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team twirl their rifles as they perform at Tuesday's "Saluting Those Who Serve" concert that honored members of the armed forces as part of the 55th presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C.

## Bush tips his hat to troops

President gives personal thanks to U.S. fighting forces at star-studded event at Washington arena

BY PATRICK DICKSON  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — It was bitter cold outside, but servicemen inside the MCI Center basked in the warmth of praise from their commander in chief as inauguration festivities kicked off in the nation's capital Tuesday.

Taking the stage toward the end of the two-hour "Saluting Those Who Serve" program at Washington's premier sports and concert venue, President Bush told the 7,000-plus troops in attendance that America is indebted to them.

"I can think of no better way to begin (the inauguration) than to celebrate our freedom and to thank those who make it possible," Bush ended the star-studded event by listing the U.S. military's achievements in the global war on terror, including elections in Afghanistan and soon, Iraq.

"These are landmark events in history, and none of this would have been possible without the

### Meanwhile, backstage ....

Kelsey Grammer was on in 20 minutes, and disaster struck. He couldn't find his pants.

Grammer, Dr. Frasier Crane of television's legendary series "Cheers" and the successful spin-off "Frasier," lurching around backstage at the MCI Center with his unique gait, called out for members of his staff.

"I don't have my pants!" he repeated as several color guard members carrying state flags walked past. "Yes, how are you? Good to see you ..."

Finally, an assistant showed up.

"What size are those? I need 36-33 ..."

Several security members offered their trousers as they looked on.

"Let me have those," Grammer finally told his assistant. They disappeared back into his dressing room. Such is the price for hanging out with stars.

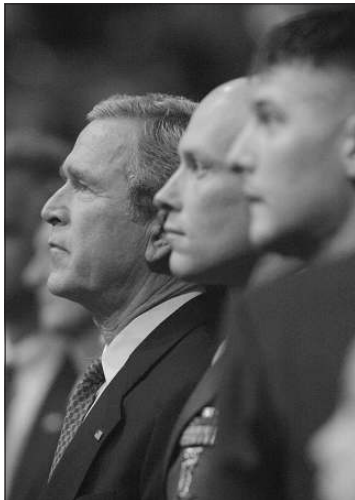
— Patrick Dickson

United States Armed Forces."

Servicemen from each branch, as well as family members and guests, watched as host Kelsey Grammer marshalled musical guests, comedians and special guests who read letters sent

home by troops in conflicts from the Civil War to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Country singer John Michael Montgomery had a slightly different take with his song "Letters From Home."



President Bush stands with Capt. Brian Chontosh, center, and Corp. Clayton South, right, at the beginning of Tuesday's "Saluting Those Who Serve" concert at the MCI Center in Washington.

### Political bug bites Lynn Swann

You heard it here first, folks: Former Pittsburgh Steelers great Lynn Swann says he is planning a run for governor of Pennsylvania.

The acrobatic wide receiver and NFL Hall of Famer won four Super Bowls with the Steelers. He spoke with Stripes backstage as he waited to go on to read a letter from a slave-soldier in the Civil War, writing home to his wife.

Asked what he had to say to readers in Iraq and Afghanistan, he said:

"To all the Pennsylvanians over there, if they're home in 2006: If I run for governor, I want their vote!"

Asked if he was ready to declare his candidacy, Swann would only say that he is "filing paperwork, going through the process."

But he was ready to pick winners for this weekend's conference finals. No surprise here: "Steelers and Eagles. It'll be an all-Pennsylvania Super Bowl!"

— Patrick Dickson

Air Force Maj. Patrick Clements of South, Iowa, who has deployed for operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, said the song has special meaning for those in the field.

"That song hits home. It hits

home hard. Until you've deployed, you just have no idea ..."

"Saturday Night Live" impressionist Darryl Hammond was on hand, and noting how he loved being surrounded by thousands

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Singer Hilary Duff performs at Tuesday's pre-inaugural event "America's Future Rocks Today - A Call to Service" at the armory in Washington, D.C.

## Duff goes extra mile for troops' families

BY BRIAN BOWERS  
Stars and Stripes

Amid the pretense squealing to the beat at Tuesday's "America's Future Rocks Today" concert were 16 military family members invited by pop singer Hilary Duff.

The pre-inaugural event, featuring a constellation of pop stars and a visit by President Bush, was a flashy break for children whose parents have been deployed six to nine months each year since 9/11, said Patricia Driscoll, president of the Armed Forces Foundation, which helped arrange for the concert tickets and meet-and-greet session.

Duff typically invites 50 to 100 military family members to her concerts because she wants to help troops and encourage their families. "I think that it was something that we wanted to do to give back," she said Monday.

Duff also has visited wounded troops at military hospitals, including a stop at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., earlier this week.

"I have so much respect for them," she said. "They make me feel so grateful ... They are truly heroes."

Such celebrity events grab attention for the Armed Forces Foundation but its biggest efforts touch individual families. Driscoll estimates it has helped about

10,000 military families since the war on terrorism began.

The foundation's efforts range from fishing events to helping families cope with the trauma of combat wounds, Driscoll said. A major initiative helps families pay hotel bills during time spent with hospitalized troops.

Marine Lt. Col. Jim Byrne, who has worked with wounded Marines at Bethesda, said the foundation has paid for a block of rooms at the base's Navy Lodge for visiting family members.

"It's very helpful for these Marines to have their family members to help them get better," Byrne said.

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## Salute: Troops say show in D.C. was just 'awesome'

### SALUTE, FROM PAGE 4

of troops, dared a bully to went to sixth grade with to "come kick my ass now!"

Hammond told Stripes backstage why he wanted to be there.

"My dad was in the Korean War, and I'm partial to what they go through. We can't protect ourselves against the bad guys — we depend on them. Think about what we love. College games, the [NFL] playoffs, the World Series — nothing happens without them."

Army Sgt. Phillip Ware, 26, of Washington, a radio repairman who said he is deploying in 2006, laughed along at the event's jokes, but turned serious when asked about his future.

"I have mixed feelings [about deploying] — we have soldiers dying left and right. But I signed up for this, and sometimes, like a running back, you gotta square your shoulders and charge into the line."

Navy Corpsman Neath Williams, 23, of Bowling Green, Ky., followed his Marines throughout Iraq last year, including nasty stints outside Baghdad and Nasiriyah. He loved the event, and pointed out how the Marines stood for the Navy's official song "Anchors Aweigh" and laughed when various services roared when they were mentioned.

"It's pretty amazing to see all the guys from the different service

es. And we get to see the president. It's pretty awesome!"

Marine Sgt. Levi Halford, 23, of Orlando, Fla., who teaches field communications to officers at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia, was nervous at first about coming.

"It seemed like a good place to attack, the inauguration, but it's an honor to be here."

Halford was in Afghanistan with the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, and was somewhat less enthusiastic than the president about our successes there.

"It's gonna be many years before it can stand on its own two feet."

Some of the people on stage read historic letters home. Others, including the president's father, George H. W. Bush, read their own.

One such person was Lt. Kathy McKenney Zeller, an Army Reserve nurse, who read a letter she wrote from Afghanistan last April.

"Soldiers here become frustrated that Afghanistan isn't mentioned more often on CNN. They feel people think they are fighting 'last year's war' and that they are being forgotten."

Clements worried about that same thing.

"I just want to tell [those deployed] 'Thank you.' And I'll be back. Keep the tent warm."

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## Driving to the hoop



Jahaz Carter, center, dribbles in for a shot Friday in a German-American youth basketball tournament held Friday and Saturday at Warner Barracks in Bamberg, Germany. Forty-nine youngsters from the Youth Services teams on Warner Barracks and German youth leagues in Bamberg played out the annual two-day tournament.

RENATE BOHLEN

Courtesy of the U.S. Army

## 6th Fleet turnover set for February

NAPLES, Italy — The Norfolk, Va.-based USS Mount Whitney is en route to Gaeta to relieve the USS La Salle as the U.S. 6th Fleet flagship, officials said.

The official flagship turnover ceremony has been set for the end of February in Gaeta, said Cmdr. Cate Mueller, fleet spokeswoman.

The aging La Salle, a miscellaneous command ship, has served as 6th Fleet's flagship for 10 years. It is scheduled to be decommissioned in Norfolk upon its return to the United States.

For more than 30 years, the larger Mount Whitney had served as the 2nd Fleet command ship. At Gaeta, it will provide command-and-control capabilities for U.S. and NATO forces in Europe.

The amphibious command ship is expected to arrive in Gaeta in early February. In October, it was converted to a Military Sealift Command USNS ship. It will have a crew of 143 civilian mariners and 157 sailors.

## Army educational programs

Applications are being accepted for three Department of the Army educational programs designed to develop better leadership skills for upper-level civilian employees.

The classes are designed for supervisors who are a GS-12 or above.

The deadlines are Feb. 9 for the Sustaining Based Leadership and Management Program class; Feb. 18 for the Personnel Management for Executives and March 11 for a second Personnel Management class, March 11 for the Harvard University Program for Senior Executive Fellows.

For more information on the courses and eligibility requirements, visit the Army Sponsored Leadership Training Web site at [www.per.hqusa.army.mil/cpd/Leader\\_Development/armyldrtrng.htm](http://www.per.hqusa.army.mil/cpd/Leader_Development/armyldrtrng.htm).

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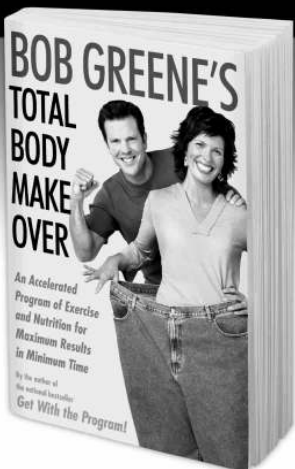
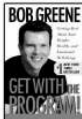
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# USS Emory S. Land a sight for sore eyes in Rota

## Sub tender crew to make repairs to other ships

By BEN MURRAY  
Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — For Port Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Chris Reardon, the arrival of the 646-foot sub tender USS Emory S. Land at Rota on Wednesday morning was a welcome sight, though he doesn't have a submarine under his command.

His cargo boats rusting at the edges, his tugs suffering the detriments of age, Reardon's small flotilla of port operations craft has suffered from the effects of the Navy's shifting presence in Europe for years, so no one at Rota has been able to fix them.

Though the arrival of a bulky sub tender in the past hasn't been cause for optimism for his boats, another Navy movement — to streamline its operations — changed that this week.

In a new service being offered by the Land, starting Wednesday the ship's repair crew will perform its first-ever maintenance on port operations vessels outside of its home base of La Maddalena, Sardinia, a "fantastic" benefit for Rota that will improve its boats at minimal cost, Reardon said.

Originally commissioned as a submarine tender built to repair Los Angeles-class attack submarines in the late 1970s, the Land has already expanded its list of maintenance clients to include a range of surface ships. Lt. Cmdr. Brian McGinnis, repair officer for the Land.

The ship's 400 repair personnel specialize in everything from fixing keels to custom-making metal bolts, McGinnis said. Last week 14 welders from the Land are heading to Kuwait to armor Humvees.



Line handlers on Pier 1 at Naval Station Rota, Spain, reach for a rope thrown from the USS Emory S. Land, a 646-foot sub tender and repair ship that docked at the base Wednesday on its way to the Gulf of Guinea, off the west coast of Africa. In a new service being offered by the Land, starting Wednesday, the ship's repair crew will perform its first-ever maintenance on port operations vessels outside of its home base of La Maddalena, Sardinia, Port Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Chris Reardon said.

BEN MURRAY  
Stars and Stripes

"We can fix about anything," he said.

With the Land stopping in ports such as Rota on its way to other missions, it made sense to also offer the crew's skills to spruce up the local operations craft as well, McGinnis said.

"We have a tremendous capability and capacity that is under-utilized, and we are looking for customers to provide services to," he said.

Reardon said that using the Land to fix local ships will save Rota a significant amount of money by eliminating the need to hire an outside contractor. His only ex-

pense for getting his craft fixed, he said, will be the cost of parts, a tab McGinnis said would run him about \$6,000.

For the repair workers aboard the Land, however, the expansion of services is somewhat less thrilling.

Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Mims, a machinist's repairman, said he works in a shop where "we take big chunks of metal and make it into pretty much anything you want." So, the port operations repairs are generally "nickel-and-dime-type things," Mims said.

"It's actually a pretty boring job for the port operations," he said.

The approximately 1,400 sailors and Marines aboard the Land made the short stop at Rota this week to meet up with the USS Newport News, a submarine out of Norfolk, Va., before traveling on to the Gulf of Guinea, off the west coast of equatorial Africa.

There, the Land will spend several weeks working on community relations missions with the coastal countries, performing some humanitarian aid work and tutoring workers on ship repair techniques, McGinnis said.

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# British woman is the knitting queen

By RON JENSEN  
Stars and Stripes

BENWICK, England — Each night in Queenie Vince's home, the television flickers and the knitting needles fly.

With the telly for company, the 82-year-old widow creates baby clothes. She has done this nearly every night, several hours at a time, for years.

"I usually start about 6. If Rosemary [Johnson, a neighbor] comes in, I stop for about an hour," said Vince, sitting comfortably in her knitting chair last week. "If not, I'll just knit until about 10."

And then, she gives the clothes to the nearby American military community, where they are passed to families Vince will never meet.

Dawn Centofanti, volunteer coordinator for the Family Support Center at RAF Alconbury, about 15 miles from Benwick, said she has no idea how many sets of clothes Vince has provided, but thinks it must be close to 100.

"It wouldn't surprise me," she said. "We tried to figure it out. It's just amazing."

The center provides her with the yarn,

but Vince provides her skill and patience for free.

"It's just something I do," she said. "I sit here and do it while I'm watching television."

She has been awarded a few certificates of appreciation from the base, and the command sergeant major of the U.S. European Command presented her a coin in 1999.

Johnson, who has worked on the base as a custodian for 14 years, connected Vince and the base about seven years ago after the death of another Benwick woman, Laura Bedford, who had been providing baby clothes to the base for two years.

"She was 99 when she died," Johnson recalled.

Johnson asked Vince if she would take up the task. Vince's husband, John, had died a couple of years earlier, so she agreed.

Vince said she learned to knit as a child, but doesn't remember who taught her. Her mother didn't know how, she said.

Her home is decorated with her work — tapestries hang on the wall in frames her

late husband built, knitted stuffed dolls sit here and there.

"I don't do much else now," she said. "I used to knit a lot of toys when my nieces and nephews were younger. But they're grown up now."

Centofanti puts the knitted sets of baby clothes, which include booties and a cap, in a package provided to the families of newborns at RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth. The packages include diapers, a diaper bag, a blanket crocheted by women at the base, a baby rattle, a baby book and "whatever I can get," she said.

Sometimes, she said, the base runs short of blankets.

"We send an SOS to Queenie and she stops what she's doing and makes a blanket," she said.

Vince doesn't know how long it takes to make a set of clothes because, she said, "I never take notice of when I start or when I finish."

Pushed a bit, she said that a set of clothes might take two weeks or more. A set with a pattern can take longer.

That means Vince has provided thousands of hours of volunteer effort to the American military community. That, she is told, is a lot of time to give away to strangers.

"I suppose it is when you think about it," she said. "I just don't think about it."

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Queenie Vince shows off clothes she knitted for children at RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth. Over the years, the 83-year-old woman from Benwick, England, has made about 300 sets of baby clothes for American families she doesn't know. She knits for hours every night.

# AF plane collides with crop-duster

The Associated Press

FREDERICK, Okla. — An Air Force training jet and a small plane collided Tuesday over southwestern Oklahoma, killing the plane's pilot, authorities said. Both military pilots parachuted to safety.

The T-37 training jet from Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, struck the private plane over a rural area southeast of Frederick, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Clabes said.

The burning wreckage fell into a field. By mid-afternoon, the crash site had been cordoned off by military personnel.

The two military pilots suffered only minor injuries after parachuting to the ground.

A base spokesman said he did not know what caused the collision, which happened at about 5,000 feet. The National Transportation Safety Board was to investigate.

The private plane was a crop-duster being flown from its manufacturer's new owner in Seelye, D. K. Kotsa, said a spokesman for the Texas manufacturer, Air Tractor.



THE OKLAHOMAN, KWTN NEWS/AP

The remains of an Air Force jet that collided with a crop duster plane is seen in a field near Frederick, Okla., on Tuesday.

# Possessing andro now against the law

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Throw out those androstenedione products right now; as of today, they're illegal to own.

As of Thursday, federal regulators are classifying the prohormone androstenedione as a schedule III controlled substance, meaning purchase and possession of the body-building product is permitted only with a doctor's prescription.

Department of Defense officials said any servicemember caught with the chemical will be in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Androstenedione supplements, which produce extra testosterone when ingested, have been available over the counter for years as a way to increase muscle mass, and gained extra attention after Mark McGwire admitted to using the pro-hormone during his record-setting 1998 baseball season.

But Col. Vincent F. Carr, the Air Force's chief consultant for internal medicine services, said the classification change of the drug reflects the dangerous side effects federal regulators have discovered in the last few years.

"It's the classic symptoms of too much testosterone: In men, it's too much aggression, blood pressure increase, cholesterol increase, increased likelihood of coronary disease and testicular atrophy," he said. "The female problems are things like male pattern baldness and hypertension, as well as the blood pressure and coronary disease."

Androstenedione is available by prescription, but Carr called that merely a classification issue. He said no doctor would prescribe more than 20 mg of the chemical, and that is too small an amount to produce muscle-building results.

Carr said he does not anticipate the new ban creating any significant problems for troops. Military exchanges across the globe phased out the last of their andro products more than a month ago, and Carr said he hasn't heard many recent reports of andro use or abuse.

"We still get folks once in a while who buy it and use it, but for the vast majority of the military it isn't an issue," Carr said. "Once the word got out that these substances were problems, many just stopped using them."

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# Citadel president to retire in August

BY BRUCE SMITH

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — John Grinalds, who as president of The Citadel helped the state military college move forward after its tumultuous fight over the admission of women, said Tuesday he is retiring as of Aug. 1.

Grinalds, 67, a retired Marine major general, came to the school in August 1997 when it was rou-

tinely in the national headlines because of its fight to women from joining its formerly all-male corps of cadets.

"With the tireless work of many people, especially those who have been in the corps of cadets since 1996, we have arrived at the point where the corps of cadets is coeducational and all students, regardless of gender, are considered cadets, period," Grinalds said.

There are now more than 120 female cadets at the military college.

In addition to Grinalds' departure, commandant Emory Mace, whose daughter was the Citadel's first female graduate, said earlier this month that he wants to retire. Mace has been third in command at the school for eight years.

The college's Board of Visitors has begun the search for a new president.

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# Military academy applications drop

BY DOUGLASS DOWTY

McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Matt Arreola of Visalia hails from the post-9/11 generation.

The Navy midshipman entered a U.S. military academy in the aftermath of the attacks on Washington and New York. He and his wartime cohorts are cognizant of the messy conflict in Iraq that rages with no end in sight.

"The reality that our friends and leaders may give their life sometime in the next couple of years is a sobering feeling," Arreola said.

Yet, Arreola's class may also mark the peak of post-attack patriotism. Incoming U.S. service academy applications for the Class of 2009 are down precipitously from the year before. This marks the first time since 9/11 that academy applications have dropped.

At West Point, applications as of mid-January are down 16 percent compared to the same time last year. The Air Force Academy has seen a 28 percent drop this year from the total pool a year ago with about two weeks left in the admissions cycle. The Naval Academy is experiencing a similar fall-off.

"We did see a spike in applications immediately following 9/11

— which we attributed to the outpouring of patriotism as a result of the acts of terrorism on American soil," said West Point spokesman Maj. Mike D'Aquino. "Our applicant pool numbers are now in line with pre-9/11 applications, so we believe the initial spike has ended."

Military academy admissions pose some unusual hurdles for applicants, including, for many, the necessity of obtaining a recommendation from a member of Congress.

While applications at service academies have declined since 2002, the numbers of qualified candidates have actually increased, suggesting a crop more focused and determined on military service, not academics.

The acceptance rate at West Point was highest in 2004 than any other point in recent history. D'Aquino asserted that "those who are applying are applying because they want to enter [West Point] and become a commissioned officer to lead our nation."

At the Air Force Academy, the number of applicants dropped by 24 percent during the past two years, even as the number of those considered qualified rose 4 percent. During the same spell, enrollments at the academy rose 8 percent, from 1,207 in 2002 to 1,319 in 2004.

# Bomb blasts echo across Iraq capital

BY HAMZA HENDAWI  
The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — A wave of car bombings shook the Iraqi capital Wednesday, killing at least 12 people as rebels stepped up their offensive to block the Jan. 30 national election. Other attacks were reported north and south of the capital.

U.S. military officials put the death toll from the day's violence at 26, but the number was based on initial field reports and witnesses and Iraqi officials put the toll lower. Iraqi authorities said 12 people were killed in the bombings and another person killed in a drive-by shooting on a Kurdish political party office.

Al-Qaida's branch in Iraq said it carried out the first of the day's blasts, at the Australian Embassy in the capital. A truck packed with explosives went off outside the concrete barriers in front of the embassy about 7 a.m., killing two people and wounding several, including two Australian soldiers.

"A lion of monotheism and faith... carried out a martyrdom operation nearby the Australian Embassy," the group al-Qaida in Iraq said in a Web statement. The group is led by Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who has allied himself with Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

A half-hour after the embassy blast, another car bomb killed six at a police station located next to a hospital in eastern Baghdad, the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

A third car bombing struck at the main gate to an Iraqi military garrison located at a dissolved airport in central Baghdad. An officer at the Iraqi Defense Ministry said three Iraqi army troops were killed in that attack.



U.S. soldiers inspect the scene of a car bomb explosion Wednesday in Baghdad. A wave of car bombings shook the Iraqi capital as rebels stepped up an offensive to block national elections.

The U.S. military also said a car bomb detonated southwest of Baghdad International Airport, killing two Iraqi security guards.

Hours later, another car bomb went off in northern Baghdad around noon near a bank and a Shiite Muslim mosque. Iraqi police said one person was killed at that bombing.

Elsewhere in the capital, insurgents in a car fired on a Baghdad office of the Patriotic

Union of Kurdistan, killing one of its members and wounding another, PUK officials said.

Outside the capital, Maj. Gen. Wiryaa Maaruf, the dean of a police academy in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, escaped an assassination attempt when gunmen opened fire on his convoy in the city of Irbil. One bystander was killed and another

injured, said police Col. Tharwat AbdulKarim.

In the northern city of Dahuk, a roadside bomb exploded near the convoy of provincial Gov. Nejirvan Ahmed, but he was not injured, AbdulKarim said.

An Iraqi police officer was killed Wednesday in another car bombing in the largely Shiite city of Hillah south of Baghdad, the Polish military said.

Fresh clashes erupted Wednesday between U.S. troops and insurgents in the northern city of Mosul. A car bomb exploded beside a U.S. convoy in the eastern part of the city, and two Iraqis were killed when American troops opened fire after the blast, witnesses said. There were no reported casualties among the Americans.

Also, in the city of Kirkuk, two human rights leaders were killed, officials said. Their bodies were found shot in the head and chest after being kidnapped Tuesday, police said.

On Wednesday, the U.S. military acknowledged that its soldiers opened fire on a car as it approached their checkpoint, killing two civilians in the vehicle's front seat. Six children riding in the backseat were unhurt.

It wasn't clear from a military statement whether the two victims were the children's parents. "Military officials extend their condolences for this unfortunate incident," the statement said.

A militant group posted a video on the Web on Wednesday showing gunmen killing execution-style two Iraqis said to have set up an Internet system in northern Iraq to help in this month's elections.

The video appeared on a Web site known for carrying messages from Islamic militant groups. Its authenticity could not be verified.

## Soldiers take to Ramadi streets in election push

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO  
Stars and Stripes

**RAMADI, Iraq** — American soldiers are blanketing the streets and shops of Ramadi with information on the upcoming elections, trying to encourage people to vote in a city where security of polling sites is threatened by insurgents.

Winding through the dusty streets of Tamin, a district on the southwest edge of Ramadi, soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry handed out colorful fliers and instruction sheets Tuesday.

Sometimes they were greeted by smiles, sometimes by indifference and sometimes by hostile glares.

"Election information! Go vote," called out Sgt. 1st Class Clifford Pridden, handing out fliers in one of Tamin's marketplaces.

"Saddam will not be on the ballot this year," he added with a laugh.

Nearby, Staff Sgt. Ricky Thomas, a 29-year-old scout platoon member from Villetta, La., did the same, trying short phrases of Arabic with the people he encountered.

Most people took the pamphlets, nodded or smiled, and put the papers in their pockets or displayed them on tables or shop windows. But the free-election concept is new to many Iraqis.

One man asked soldiers when



JOSEPH GIORDONO/Stars and Stripes

**A soldier from the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry hands out election fliers to Iraqis in the Tamin district of Ramadi.**

he would get paid for his vote. Another thought the informational handouts were balloons.

In a small medical clinic, a female staff member — who understood English, but spoke Arabic — wanted to know where the polling stations in Tamin would be. U.S. military officials and the Independent Election Commission of Iraq are waiting to announce that information until a few days

before the election, not wanting to give insurgents time to destroy the locations before the vote.

Pridgen, a 42-year-old infantry forward observer turned civil affairs officer, also used the day to see how well the reconstruction effort was going.

"You can gauge the local economy a lot by the quality of goods people are buying and selling," he said, pointing out markets with fresh fruit and clothing stores with new, brightly colored fabrics and relatively expensive shoes. "A few months back, a lot of it was junk. Now you're starting to see good stuff for sale and nice cars on the street."

Quality and price are relative — Tamin is a largely poor area, with garbage piling on many streets and intermittent electrical and water service. Civil affairs teams have been hiring contractors to fix both problems.

Intelligence officials with the 2nd Brigade say they believe the insurgents have been pumping more men and resources into the Tamin area as signs of progress increase. U.S. troops are expecting more attacks in the district as the election nears, and have patrolled the streets aggressively looking for weapons and fighters. The soldiers are among the 3,500 2nd Infantry Division soldiers sent to Iraq from South Korea last fall.

The soldiers, shadowed closely by armored Humvees, had a few

tense moments Tuesday. One visibly angry man in a long purple robe took the fliers he was handed and immediately tore them apart. Then he followed Pridden, tearing up the fliers he handed to other people.

"You can tear as many up as you want. We'll be here every day. We'll bring more," one soldier told the man. Another Iraqi man on the street told soldiers the

first man was angry because Americans had killed members of his family.

A few minutes later, a soldier fired warning shots at a vehicle that came too close to the patrol. Civilians in the marketplace ran for cover, but quickly came back onto the streets when it was clear no firefight was going to take place.

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# Explosive collection in Afghanistan

## Recovered arms pile up in Herat

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

HERAT, Afghanistan — Between the majestic snow-capped mountains of the Band-e Baba Range and the historic city of Herat in western Afghanistan looms a powerful menace of man's making.

"If this went off," Mark Holroyd said, "all the windows in Herat would probably shatter."

Not every household in Herat has windows, but the observation is enough to make even the coolest of the cool sweat at the thought.

Holroyd, an explosive ordnance technician for Ronco Consulting Corp., calls it "the biggest open-air arms cache in the world." There are about 8,000 tons of explosives — an estimate he characterizes as conservative — on the ground and under 24-hour guard. Much more was there and much more is expected to arrive in the coming months.

The cache is the result of a United Nations program, with U.S. military assistance, to disarm the warring militias in western Afghanistan. Dubbed Task Force Saber, the effort began in August and by October tons of ammunition started being consolidated in a field east of Herat.

"When I first came here," Holroyd said as he stood near the cache, "it was the scariest place I had ever seen."

Much of the ammo came from the town's 700-year-old citadel, controlled by Ismail Khan, the regional warlord who is now a minister in the Afghan government. The storage site, estimated to be three to four acres in size, includes a wide array of arms, from bullets to 1,000-pound bombs. Crates and other containers include the stuff was manufactured in the former Soviet Union, Pakistan, the United States and a handful of other nations.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY/Stars and Stripes

**Mark Holroyd of Ronco Consulting Corp., a commercial firm hired by the United Nations, and U.S. Army Capt. Chris Kennedy survey a pile of 1,000-pound bombs at a munitions storage site outside of Herat, Afghanistan. The ammunition, estimated to be at least 8,000 tons, will either be destroyed or turned over to the Afghan National Army for use. The cache is believed to be the largest open-air storage site in the world.**

The team assembled to handle the ammo sorts it out and then determines what the Afghan National Army can use and what should be destroyed. Every day, Holroyd said, the team blows up roughly 70 tons of ammo. Since more is still being turned in, Holroyd figures the job will take about a year.

One of the U.S. soldiers involved in the program is Capt. Chris Kennedy of the 25th Infantry Division, based in Hawaii.

"I did something close to this in Bosnia," Kennedy said, "but never to this magnitude. This is five times the size that I saw in Bosnia."

Those who see it for the first time are amazed at such a sea of destructive power.

"I wish I had my camera," Spc. Dean Brazzell, 151st Infantry Battalion, Indiana National Guard, said as he climbed a small hill to get a better look.

Largely absent from the cache are AK-47 rounds and rocket-propelled grenades.



*"If this went off, all the windows in Herat would probably shatter."*

Mark Holroyd

Explosive ordnance technician

"That's disturbing," said Army Col. Randy Smith, head of the Regional Command Area Group-West, "because that's the weapon of choice for terrorist activities."

Still, Smith is pleased with the results so far, though he admits: "We don't yet have we've scratched the surface yet."

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## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, at least 1,368 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,073 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is six higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier was killed Tuesday in a roadside bombing in Baghdad.

■ A Marine died on Monday, bringing to three the number of Marines who died Monday while conducting security operations in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by military:

■ Marine Cpl. Paul C. Holter III, 21, Corpus Christi, Texas; died Friday at Camp Ramadi, Iraq, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Army Spc. Alain L. Kamolavathi, 21, of Blairstown, N.J.; died Monday in a vehicle accident in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

■ Army Pfc. Francis C. Obaji, 21, Queens Village, N.Y.; died Monday after he was involved in a vehicle accident Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

■ Marine Sgt. Jayton D. Patterson, 26, Sedley, Va.; killed Saturday in Iraq's Babil province, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

# Karzai asks for NATO help during spring elections

BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has asked international peacekeepers to provide security for his country's spring parliamentary elections, though it's unclear when exactly they will take place.

"During our elections, ISAF provided protections for voters," Karzai was quoted as saying in a news release, referring to NATO's International Security Assistance Force. "I am sure that same security will be provided for the parliamentary elections."

Initially, they were to take place concurrently with October's presidential elections, which Karzai handily won, but the second election was rescheduled for April because of security worries. The date didn't stick because of rules governing how soon the country's electoral landscape

must be mapped prior to an election.

International officials nonetheless said they expect the elections will happen in April or May.

For its part, NATO said it would provide security as it did during the presidential balloting. But it is not involved in the scheduling.

"This is not NATO's call to suggest the timing," said an alliance spokeswoman in Brussels, Belgium, under customary condition of anonymity. "We would accept whatever the government decides, together with the United Nations."

The spokeswoman said she did not know whether American troops will be directly

involved with the NATO election mission, but some U.S. troops did work with the ISAF during October's presidential voting. Most of the Americans work under Operation Enduring Freedom, which focuses on hunting down terrorists but also engages in reconstruction work.

"The United States are the leading nation for the OEF mission," the alliance spokeswoman said. "They had a lot of troops there [for presidential elections]."

A spokesman at the alliance's military headquarters in Mons, Belgium, U.S. Air Force Capt. Virgil Magee, said he was unsure how many Americans might be on election duty.

Last year, as many as 1,100 additional U.S. troops from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division deployed to help. That meant about 18,000 Americans served in the country at the time. The alliance sent two additional battalions of about 1,800 troops.



Karzai

The NATO troops primarily are working to keep the capital, Kabul, secure but they have begun expanding into other regions through provincial reconstruction teams.

Karzai has previously called for increasing numbers of international troops in the country. His recent speech to NATO personnel, however, focused on giving tanks for troops there now.

"It is because of your effort that we are where we are today," he said earlier this month. "It is because of the blood that some soldiers shed that this country is more stable and that we have democracy. Our people vote now, but it has not come without a cost. This is something we will remember forever in this country."

"Afghan citizens are once again the owners of Afghanistan and we know how important that is and we are grateful."

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## IN THE STATES



Peace activist Tim Castleman, right, talks to Martin Ellis, of Baltimore, Md., as he holds up a sign for the "Peace Train" inside Los Angeles' Union Station on Sunday in hopes of locating other activists traveling by train to Washington to protest President Bush's inauguration.

## Protests to greet Bush inauguration

BY MARTHA MENDOZA  
The Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — While U.S. President George W. Bush's supporters celebrate his inauguration Thursday, thousands of protesters around the United States aim to hit the streets with demonstrations and rallies against the returning administration.

"There are some in this country who are just not in the mood to let the president have his day in the sun," said James Hudnut-Beumler, dean of Vanderbilt University's Divinity School and an expert in protest movements. Although Bush was met with protesters when he was sworn in in 2001, inaugural protests are rare historically. Hudnut-Beumler said. "Presidents are usually given an opportunity in their inauguration address to try to claim the affections and interests of the whole nation, including people who didn't vote for him."

But in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle, organizers expect thousands of demonstrators to gather on Thursday for speeches and rallies. In dozens of smaller communities rallies, marches and demonstrations are also planned. Former Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern is the featured speaker at a demonstration planned for Santa Cruz.

For some demonstrators, the reasons to protest are simple.

"We're objecting to Bush being reelected as president of the United States. He's illegitimate," said Carol Brouillet of Palo Alto, Calif., who plans to spend Thursday in downtown San Francisco displaying huge panels of photographs of soldiers killed in Iraq. Brouillet, who believes Bush used the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, as a pretext for an illegal war, has shown the photos at various demonstrations.

In addition to street protests, some anti-Bush groups are calling for a daylong economic boycott, pressing critics to stay home from work and not spend any money.

## President ponders historical documents

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Relishing history as he celebrated his second oath-taking, President Bush paused amid celebratory gush Wednesday to contemplate America's most treasured historical documents, including George Washington's inaugural speech.

Asked whether he was feeling the history of the moment, Bush said, "Absolutely."

He and Laura Bush studied original versions of the Declaration of Independence so faded that most signatures were illegible, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and Washington's address and Bible.

The sense of history was palpable in the dimly lit, dome-shaped room in the National Archives. A portrait of the Founding Fathers gazed down on the president, his wife and their entourage.

Top presidential adviser Karl Rove said Bush was "focused, upbeat, optimistic" about the job at hand: four more years in the Oval Office, starting Thursday, when he will be sworn in anew for a second term.

"Anybody's who concerned with creating a legacy will fall short if it's not focused... on the right policy and service to the country," Rove told The Associated Press as Bush donned spectacles to view the documents. "And let history take care of itself."

# Senate panel OKs Rice

BY BARRY SCHWEID  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted Wednesday to confirm Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state after two days of hearings in which she faced strenuous Democratic assaults on the Bush administration's handling of Iraq.

Pending approval by the full Senate, Rice would be the first black woman to hold the job. She was confirmed by a 16-2 vote with Democrats John Kerry and Barbara Boxer voting no.

Other Democrats, including ranking member Joseph Biden, had said they were reluctantly voting to elevate Rice to the nation's top diplomatic job. A vote by the full Senate was expected by Thursday.

As the committee voted, Secretary of State Colin Powell bid farewell to his "family" at the State Department.

"You were my troops, you were

America's troops," the former Army general said. "You are the carriers of America's values."

He called Rice a "dear friend" and said she would bring "gifted leadership" to the department.



Rice

war.

At her hearing Wednesday, Rice acknowledged "there were some bad decisions" by the administration on Iraq, as Democrats pressed her on whether the reasons for going to war were misleading.

Rice insisted that Saddam Hus-

sein was a dictator who refused to account for weapons of mass destruction. And it was impossible to change the nature of a terror threat in the Middle East with him leading Iraq, she testified.

But Boxer would not be shaken off, even after Rice acknowledged to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that "there were some bad decisions" taken by the Bush administration on Iraq.

She accused Rice of "an unwillingness to give Americans the full story because selling the war was so important to Dr. Rice. That was her job."

And now, Boxer said, the toll of American dead and wounded is the "direct result" of Bush administration "rigidity" and misstatements.

Biden challenged Rice to acknowledge administration mistakes on Iraq and said he would vote for her confirmation, but only with "some frustration and reservation."

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# Calif. executes man for double murder

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
The Associated Press

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — Prison officials executed a three-time murderer early Wednesday, making him the 11th inmate put to death in California since capital punishment was reinstated in 1977.

Donald Beardslee, 61, was executed by injection for killing two women in 1981 while on parole for a third slaying. Officials said he did not make a statement.

The execution came only hours after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger rejected a

clemency petition seeking to commute the death sentence to life without parole, and the Supreme Court rejected two last-minute appeals.

Beardslee's lawyers claimed he suffered from brain maladies when he killed Stacey Benjamin, 19, and Patty Gedding, 23, to avenge a soured \$185 drug deal.

His appeals before the Supreme Court included claims that lethal injection constitutes cruel-and-unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment, and that jurors were unfairly influenced when they rendered the death verdict.

The governor also rejected a request for a 120-day delay of the execution sought by defense lawyers who wanted the time to reopen the case before a federal court.

"Nothing in his petition or the record of his case convinces me that he did not understand the gravity of his actions or that these heinous murders were wrong," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "I do not believe the evidence presented warrants the exercise of clemency in this case."

Beardslee, a machinist, served seven years in Missouri for murdering a woman

whom he met at a St. Louis bar and killed the same evening. After being released, he killed Benjamin and Gedding.

No California governor has granted clemency to a condemned murderer since then-Gov. Ronald Reagan spared a severely brain-damaged killer in 1967.



Beardslee

## Poe remembered by fan

BALTIMORE — The mystery man was dressed in the old rather than tradition, and some spectators were not quite as respectful as in years past.

But for the 56th year, a man stole into a locked graveyard early on Edgar Allan Poe's birthday and placed three roses and a half-empty bottle of cognac on the writer's grave in Baltimore.

Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House and Museum, who has seen the mysterious visitor every Jan. 19 since 1976, gathered with about 20 people Tuesday night to glimpse the ritual in sub-20 degree temperature.

No one, not even Jerome, knows the identity of the so-called "Poe Toaster." The visit was first documented in 1949, a century after Poe's death.

This year, some spectators "created a nuisance," Jerome said. Some entered the locked cemetery; others confronted Jerome after the stranger left and demanded that he reveal his identity.

## Columbine-like plot

BROCKTON, Mass. — A teen accused of plotting a Columbine-style massacre at Marshfield High School was freed on \$20,000 bail after a judge ruled he posed no threat to the community.

Judge Suzanne DeVecchio ordered Joseph Nee to stay away from all Marshfield schools and school-related activities. She also set a 9 p.m.-to-6 a.m. curfew, ordered him to finish his senior year with tutors and to undergo random drug tests.

## D.C. standoff ends

WASHINGTON — A man threatening to blow up his van waged a standoff with authorities a short distance from the White House on Tuesday, triggering the evacuation of several blocks of downtown on the first day of inaugural activities.

The episode, which ended peacefully about four hours later, did not appear to be related to terrorism or the inauguration but instead to a family matter, authorities said. The response — hundreds of officers, armored vehicles, snipers on rooftops, instant road closings — underscored the tight security in Washington.

The man, whom police identified Tuesday night as Lowell Tummers, 54, of Cedar Springs, Mich., about 20 miles north of Grand Rapids, was charged with violating a federal law that prohibits "any threat" to do harm or damage with fire or explosives.

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# Judge: Suits can't pursue Saudi Arabia for 9/11

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The kingdom of Saudi Arabia, three Saudi princes and several Saudi financial institutions were dismissed as defendants in six civil lawsuits accusing them of providing support to al-Qaida before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Judge Richard Casey said Tuesday that the president, not the courts, has the authority to label a foreign nation a terrorist, though he said he understood the "desire to find a legal remedy for the horrible wrongs committed on Sept. 11, 2001."

The lawsuits alleged more than 20 defendants provided material support to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida. Defendants included al-Qaida, its members and

## Princes, banks also dismissed from lawsuits

associates, charities, banks, front organizations, terrorist organizations and financiers who allegedly supported al-Qaida. The judge said the plaintiffs failed to provide sufficient facts to overcome the kingdom of Saudi Arabia's immunity. He said Saudi Arabia maintains it has worked with the United States to share information in the fight against terrorism.

He also noted the State Department has not designated the kingdom a state sponsor of terrorism, and that the Sept. 11 commission found no evidence Saudi Arabia — the birthplace of bin Laden and 15 of the 19 hijackers — funded or supported the Sept. 11 terrorists.

The judge also dismissed as defendants Saudi defense minister Prince Sultan, Saudi ambassador to London Prince Turki and Prince Mohamed Al-Faisal Al-Saud, among others.

"The court has reviewed the complaints in their entirety and finds no allegations from which it can infer that the princes knew the charities to which they donated were fronts for al-Qaida," Casey said. "Here, there are no such factual bases presented, there are only conclusions."

The judge permitted lawsuits to proceed against the Saudi Binladin Group, the successor to a construction company founded

by bin Laden's father, which is now one of the largest engineering and construction companies in the Arab world.

He said additional legal discovery would be necessary to decide whether the Saudi Binladin Group "purposefully directed its activities at the United States."

Among financial institutions dismissed as defendants were Al Rahi Bank, which has nearly 400 branch offices throughout Saudi Arabia; Saudi American Bank, the second largest bank in Saudi Arabia; and Arab Bank, which has headquarters in Egypt with branch offices throughout the world.

Casey said he found no basis for a bank's liability for injuries resulting from attacks funded by money passing through it on routine banking business.

## New N.Y. restaurant

NEW YORK — Workers from the Windows on the World restaurant atop the World Trade Center have signed a lease to create the city's first employee-run restaurant — only a walk from Ground Zero.

The workers, 34 immigrants and one U.S.-born partner, are calling their restaurant Colors. It is set to open in Greenwich Village "as soon as possible," said Mamdouh Fekkak, a Moroccan-born waiter.

Famed for its spectacular views from the 106th floor of the trade center's north tower, Windows on the World was decimated on Sept. 11, 2001. Seventy-three Windows employees died.

Once it opens, the restaurant will not have any visible sign of the terrorist attack that killed more than 2,700 people at the World Trade Center.

## Evolution sticker fight

MARIETTA, Ga. — A school board is planning to challenge a federal judge's order to remove stickers in science textbooks that call evolution "a theory, not a fact."

In a 5-2 vote, the Cobb County school board decided to appeal last week's ruling. Board members said U.S. District Judge Clarence Cooper's order to "remove the stickers immediately" amounts to unnecessary judicial intrusion into local control of schools, "according to a state-ment."

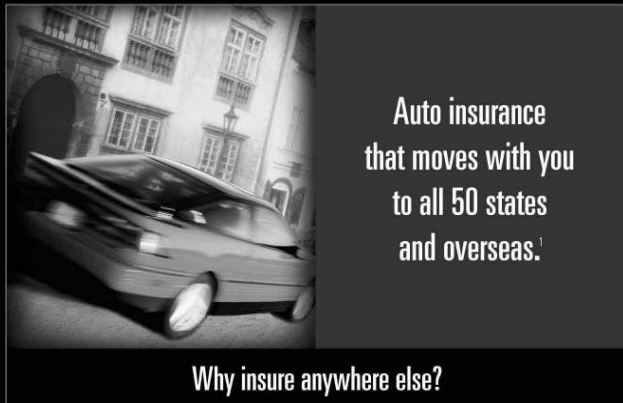
## Waffle House bias suit

ATLANTA — Black customers who say they were discriminated against at Waffle House restaurants in Georgia and Alabama filed federal lawsuits against the chain Tuesday.

The coordinated lawsuits, which join two others filed last week in North Carolina and Virginia, claim servers announced they would not serve blacks, deliberately served unsanitary food to minority patrons, directed racial epithets at blacks and became verbally abusive when asked to wait on blacks.

Waffle House attorneys said 20 discrimination cases already were pending against the Norcross, Ga.-based company, Waffle House said it has a policy to train workers "to treat all customers equally."

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# Insanity plea likely at stolen baby trial

By KEVIN MURPHY  
and KAREN DILLON

Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Five times she faked pregnancies. At least once her stomach grew hard and large like an expectant mother's, even though she was incapable of having children.

Desperate for a child, she killed an expectant mother and stole her baby, according to a grand jury indictment.

Now, a jury may have to decide whether Lisa Montgomery was insane or should be held responsible for her alleged actions.

Montgomery is accused of strangling Bobbie Jo Stinnett in Skidmore, Mo., last month and cutting her fetus of eight months from the womb.

Montgomery, of Melvern, Kan., was to be arraigned Thursday, and lawyers and psychiatrists said pleading not guilty by reason of insanity may be her only hope. She confessed to the killing, according to an FBI affidavit.

U.S. Attorney Todd Graves said last week that Montgomery could pursue an insanity defense in seeking acquittal. If she is found guilty, she could try an insanity defense again during the penalty

phase. Graves is considering seeking the death penalty.

Defendants found not guilty by reason of insanity normally are confined to mental institutions.

A study by the American Psychiatric Association showed that defendants found not guilty by reason of insanity tend to spend as much or more time in custody as those convicted and sent to prison.

The insanity issues in Montgomery's case likely would include her history of phantom pregnancies, the gruesome nature of the crime and premeditation, lawyers contacted about the case said.

Federal law states that insanity is a defense if the "defendant as a result of severe mental disease or defect was unable to appreciate the nature and quality or the wrongfulness of his acts."

Montgomery's psychological history and her state of mind at the time of the crime would be evaluated, said Saul Faerstein, a Beverly Hills, Calif., forensic psychiatrist.

The assumption is that a person has to be "somewhat deranged" to murder with their own hands, Faerstein said. But being deranged doesn't mean a killer meets the high burden of legal insanity, he said.

## Gambling seniors

Many senior citizens tend to bet large amounts of money or more than they can handle, according to a new study.

**Percentage of elderly who said they were involved in at least one gambling activity in the past year**



\* At-risk: Put more than \$100 on a single bet and/or had bet more than they could afford to lose

Source: American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry

AP

## NASA determines rover found meteorite on Mars

By JOHN ANTCAK  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — NASA's Opportunity rover has determined that a strange bubbly rock on the surface of Mars is actually a meteorite, offering a new clue into how the martian surface is made and remade.

Scientists are not so much interested in the meteorite itself. Rather, they want to see if other objects nearby also are meteorites and how martian winds are reshaping the planet.

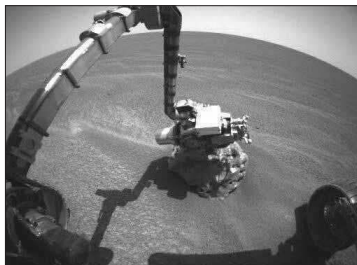
If sand is continuously blowing in and being deposited on the surface, burying things and building

up terrain over time, meteorites will be covered and few will be seen, rover mission scientist Steve Squyres said Tuesday.

But if fine surface material is being continuously stripped away by the wind, coarse things such as meteorites will be left behind and their accumulation will show.

"So whether you're seeing a net accumulation or a net burial of the meteorites is going to tell you something about what the erosion or deposition rates are out on the plains," Squyres said.

Opportunity landed Jan. 24 on the Meridiani plains, halfway around the planet from where its twin, Spirit, set down in the Gusev Crater region on Jan. 3, 2004.



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An image released by NASA on Tuesday shows the robotic arm of rover Opportunity investigating a basketball-size meteorite, discovered last week, sitting on the surface of Mars.

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"These seniors who are at risk may not be ready for Gamblers Anonymous, but many of them don't have a lot of money and spending on gambling could mean that they won't have anything left to buy medicines," Oslin said Tuesday.

The researchers gave questionnaires to a random group of patients, age 65 and older, at several primary care clinics. The most popular choices for those who specified a gambling preference were lotteries, playing on gambling machines and going to casinos.

The results suggest older women are just as likely as men to gamble and develop gambling problems. However, it also indicates that those defined as at-risk gamblers were more likely to be minorities, binge drinkers, or suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder — and they may be less likely to seek help.

## IN THE WORLD

## Indonesia declares 70,000 more deaths

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia's Health Ministry on Wednesday declared as dead more than 70,000 people previously listed as missing, significantly raising its estimate for the death toll from last month's tsunami.

If confirmed, the Health Ministry count would bring the number of dead in Indonesia to 166,320 — and the overall toll in 11 countries to as many as 221,100 dead from the Dec. 26 disaster.

But the ministry's number differed sharply from others released by the Indonesian government. The Social Affairs Ministry has been keeping a count that on Wednesday stood at 114,978 dead and 12,132 missing.

The Associated Press has used the Social Affairs Ministry count for its tally of the tsunami dead. The total compiled by AP from governments in each country is at least 162,228 dead.

The United Nations on Tuesday listed the number of dead in the Dec. 26 disaster at 165,493.

Indonesia is not the only country suffer-

ing from confusion in the count. In Sri Lanka, the Public Security Ministry and National Disaster Management Center have put out tolls of 38,195 and 30,920, respectively. The AP total is based on the disaster center's number.

Officials have frequently cautioned that compiling accurate figures for the dead or missing is almost impossible, and that a definitive total of dead may never be reached.

Yusrizal, an official with Indonesia's Health Ministry, said it reached the much higher figure by cross-checking numbers at the a government task force center in Banda Aceh, the central point of relief efforts, and the Home Affairs Department. Like many Indonesians, Yusrizal used just one name.

The ministry gave no breakdown of age or gender of the dead.

On Tuesday, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono ordered his ministry's various departments to work together to come up with a definitive death toll. Officials in Yudhoyono's office were not immediately available for comment late Wednesday.



With the help of elephants, a team of salvagers retrieve useful pieces of timber Tuesday from the areas destroyed by last month's tsunami in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

## Pilgrims pray at Arafat

MUZDALIFA, Saudi Arabia — Pilgrims sifted through the dirt on the plains of Muzdalifa on Wednesday, gathering seven pebbles apiece to be used in the next day's rite of the holy hajj pilgrimage — the symbolic stoning of the devil. The pilgrims filled buses and packed themselves into trucks for the journey from Mount Arafat to Muzdalifa, where they will spend the night. Some walked the 3.5 miles from Mount Arafat, where earlier in the day Saudi Arabia's grand mufti had addressed them.

## Cuba no-smoking rules

HAVANA — Despite its reputation as a producer of fine cigars, Cuba is preparing to ask smokers to step outside before lighting up. Beginning on Feb. 7, smoking will be prohibited in theaters, stores, buses, taxis and other enclosed public areas under a new resolution published in Cuba's National Gazette by the Commerce Ministry.

Smoking also will be banned in indoor restaurants except in designated smoking areas. Cigarette machines will be taken down.

There was no word if smoking would be allowed in bars.

## Israel-Palestinian talks

JERUSALEM — Israeli and Palestinian security officials planned to meet late Wednesday to discuss ways of stopping Palestinian rocket fire in the northern Gaza Strip, Israeli officials said.

The meeting follows a spike in violence in the Gaza Strip, including repeated rocket attacks and an suicide bombing that killed an Israeli security agent Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had halted contacts with the new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, after attackers killed six Israeli civilians at a Gaza checkpoint last week.

From The Associated Press

## Europeans look to Bush with wary hope

By DAVID MCHUGH

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Many Europeans didn't want a second term for President Bush, but as his inauguration approaches they're warily hopeful for more cooperation with the U.S. leader and his new foreign policy team led by Condoleezza Rice.

Beyond resolving the quagmire in Iraq, the list of issues important to European governments includes the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Iran's nuclear program, climate change and the weak U.S. dollar squeezing European exporters.

Rice's move to the State Department, an upcoming Bush visit to Europe, and an awareness that U.S. presidents sometimes moder-

ate their outlook in a second term have all raised a sense of modest optimism.

But, Europeans ask, will there now be more willingness to work through multilateral institutions such as the United Nations — something they feel was lacking in the first Bush term when tense Atlantic relations were often tense?

Rice, whose confirmation hearings began Tuesday, is tied to the Iraq war from the first Bush term and for her widely quoted comment that the United States should "punish France, ignore Germany and forgive Russia" for their opposition to the war.

Europeans are now wondering which Rice will show up as secretary of state: the loyal national security adviser from the time of

the Iraq war, or the former Stanford University provost who co-wrote a book about German reunification and was the "very good friend of Europe," in the words of German strategic analyst Thomas Kohlmann.

There is considerable anticipation for next month's planned Bush trip to Brussels, Germany, and Slovakia, where he is to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin.

What will Bush hear from lead-

ers like Gerhard Schroeder? Reflecting a willingness to put the past behind — and ask for something in return — the German chancellor on Monday dismissed his bitter dispute with Bush over Iraq as "a little bit of history" and called for joint progress in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

That "can be done only if the United States of America gets involved more strongly in this process," Schroeder said, adding that "Europe has a role and will play that role."

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## Official: Catholic Church in Spain changes stance on use of condoms

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — In a substantial shift from traditional policy, the spokesman for the Catholic Church in Spain has said it supports the use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS.

"Condoms have a place in the global prevention of AIDS," Juan Antonio Martinec, the spokesman for the Spanish Bishops' Conference, told reporters after a meeting Tuesday with Health Minister Elena Salgado to discuss ways of fighting the disease.

The Catholic Church has been repeatedly rebuffed campaigns for it to endorse the use of condoms in the fight against AIDS.

The Vatican states that condoms, because they are a form of artificial birth control, cannot be used to help prevent the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Martinec Camino said the church's stance was backed by the scientific world.

He cited a recent study by experts in the medical magazine *Lancet* that supported the so-called "ABC" approach of abstinence, being faithful to partners and using condoms.

Martinec Camino met the health minister as a representative of the church, though it was unclear whether he was expressing the official view of the church.

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## Harsh punishment

**AL** BIRMINGHAM — A woman angry with her 12-year-old daughter for having sex forced the girl to drink bleach and sat on her until the child died, a police detective said.

The girl's 9-year-old brother was forced to watch the attack. Detective Warren Cotton testified in a preliminary hearing for Tunisia Archie, 31.

Archie is charged with capital murder in the asphyxiation death of her daughter, Jasmine. If convicted, she could be sentenced to death or life in prison without parole.

Cotton said Archie, who has been jailed without bond since shortly after her daughter's Nov. 26 death, told authorities she was disturbed because "her daughter told her that she was no longer a virgin."

She said she poured bleach into Jasmine's mouth and the child vomited. The mother then sat on the girl until she stopped breathing, Cotton testified.

## Egg business cracks

**NY** NEW YORK — America's sole maker of plastic Easter eggs has cracked under the pressure of competition from Asia.

Bleyer Industries Inc., of Long Island, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, saying it has lost too much business to Chinese rivals. The company sold its plants in Hauppauge, N.Y., and Union, Pa. It is keeping one in Peoria, Ill., and is seeking a partner to survive. A Chapter 11 filing allows a company to put off paying its debts while it tries to come up with a recovery plan.

About 250 million of the colorful plastic toys were made every year at the Peoria plant, and were sold by some of the United States' largest retailers — Wal-Mart, Target, and Toys "R" Us.

## Alcohol ban considered

**MI** EAST LANSING — Michigan State University is considering banning alcohol in most places on campus. The measure would make exceptions for pre-football tailgating in designated areas. The Board of Trustees will also consider whether to enact permanent tailgating restrictions and specifically outlaw public urination and defecation.

## No drowning charges

**FL** FORT LAUDERDALE — Prosecutors have dropped charges against a mildly retarded teenager once found guilty of drowning a 5-year-old autistic boy, after the state Supreme Court refused to reinstate his manslaughter conviction.

The state had appealed a lower-court ruling that Broward County deputies didn't properly advise German Roberts of his rights during interrogation. Without explanation, the state Supreme Court declined to accept the case on Jan. 7, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review another Broward County case on the same issue of Miranda rights.

Roberts, now 20, was convicted in 1997 of pushing 5-year-old Jordan Payne into a Pompano Beach canal, where he drowned. Roberts was sentenced to three years

in his condition and other issues, school officials said. Principal Matthew Cristofaldi said work is already being done to correct many of the problems, but some are beyond the school's control.

## Record land sales

**CO** ASPEN — Aspen-area real estate sales last year reached \$1.6 billion, breaking the previous record by \$330 million, according to Land Title Co., which handles property title transfers in the area. The previous record for Pitkin County sales was \$1.27 billion in 2000. Prices also soared, increasing to an average of \$1,263 million in 2004, up from \$1.04 million in 2003.

## Brawl investigated

**AZ** TUCSON — The dining hall at an Arizona prison will stay locked down for a few days while authorities investigate an inmate brawl that injured three corrections officers.

The fight inside Arizona State Prison Complex-Tucson broke out among several prisoners on the eve of the first anniversary of a hostage standoff at another state penitentiary.

More than 40 inmates barricaded themselves in the dining hall after guards tried to break up the dispute, officials said. They surrendered after guards dispersed a chemical similar to tear gas, said Corrections Department spokeswoman Cam Hunter.

## Bodies of 2 recovered

**CA** UPLAND — Divers recovered the bodies of a 35-year-old woman and a boy believed to be her 7-year-old son from a rushing, rain-swollen creek.

Authorities said Sibilia Flores fell into the creek 45 miles northeast of Los Angeles while trying to save her son, Frank Zavala, who slipped while washing his hands during a Martin Luther King Day picnic.

The creek was moving as fast as 40 mph when they disappeared in front of Flores' husband and 15-year-old daughter, authorities said.

An 11-year-old was believed to have drowned a day before in the same creek after he was swept under by currents moving up to 25 mph, authorities said.

## Snowplow kills man

**MA** WEST BRIDGEWATER — A West Bridgewater man was killed after he was struck by a privately owned snowplow, police said.

Daniel Bellamy, 35, was waiting on the side of the road for his ride to work when a plow operated by a driver for CWB Contractors of West Bridgewater struck him just after 5 a.m.

West Bridgewater Police Sgt. Victor Flaherty said Bellamy was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver initially thought he struck a deer because Bellamy was wearing brown clothing, police said.

Investigators do not believe weather was a factor. No criminal charges have been issued against the driver.

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in prison, but had been free on an appellate bond.

## Families win final battle

**OH** CLEVELAND — The state will compensate the families of three Ohio soldiers who died in Iraq after determining they were victims of terrorism and not wartime casualties. Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro said the families will receive money tapped from the state's crime victim compensation program. He cited President Bush's declaration on May 1, 2003, that major combat operations in Iraq had ended.

## Accredited profs only

**AK** FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska-Fairbanks has adopted a policy to recognize degrees only from accredited universities when it comes to decisions of hiring, promotions, tenure or transferring credit. The change was prompted by controversy surrounding former Faculty Senate president-elect Michael Hannigan, who resigned in October amid allegations that his doctorate came from a "diploma mill."

## School on probation

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Mount Pleasant High School was placed on probation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which found fault with the curriculum, the build-



## Clean sweep

Peter Smith, 2, helps clean up straw on the last day of the 89th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, Pa. Peter was a visitor to the fair, not a contestant.



**High spirits** Kailey Beckwith, 6, gives a high kick for her coach, Danielle Leach, during a junior cheerleading clinic at Mark Morris High School in Longview, Wash.



**Balancing act** Casey Kilmartin, 6, tries to balance on a large snowball in East Greenbush, N.Y.



**Right on track** Matthew Garr, 5, and his sister, Erin Garr, 2, of Lenexa, Kan., ride a vintage antique amusement park train called the Ottaway You-Pump-It (according to the ride operator) at the Great American Train Show in Kansas City, Mo. Robb Garr, the kids' dad, said Matthew is a "train freak." This is the third show Matthew's attended.



## Crabs worth waiting for

Bell Buoy Crab Co. workers fill totes on the dock at the Chinook, Wash., plant. The season opening for Dungeness crabs was delayed a month and a half because the crabs were slow to develop. Clockwise from left to right, workers include Juan Guizar, Matt Culp, James Davis and Dave Caton.



## Look who's new at the zoo

Tumai, the National Zoo's 4-year-old cheetah, shows off her litter of two male and two female cubs earlier this month. The four cubs, born Nov. 23, make up the first litter of cheetah cubs born at the zoo in Washington in its 115-year history.



## Great water for ducks

Ducks gather as mist rises from a small pocket of open water on Silver Lake in Appleton, Minn. Discharge from a lake-side power plant keeps a small area of the lake free of ice, providing a place for water fowl to congregate.

## Rail tracks damaged

**VT** BELLOWS FALLS — Freight and passenger train traffic was halted in southern Vermont after a nine-car derailment severely damaged track just north of the Saxtons River. The New England Central Railroad cars were carrying wood products. No one was injured, and the cause wasn't yet known.

## Flu shot demand low

**GA** ATLANTA — About 72,000 additional doses of flu vaccine were distributed this month to private and public health clinics across Georgia, but officials say demand is low. The Division of Public Health is urging people to get shots if they qualify because flu season usually peaks in mid-February. Some clinics and doctors fear they'll have to throw out unused vaccine this spring.

## A song in her heart

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — An 87-year-old woman whose lifelong dream was to sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has finally added her voice to the group's heavenly crooning.

Virginia Spelbring joined the choir after a group that makes senior citizens' dreams come true helped arrange the grandmother's big singing engagement.

"It was absolutely everything I hoped it would be, and more," she said. "They had three TV stations and the newspaper there. They almost made a star out of me."

Although the choir rarely invites outside singers to join them, leaders of the internationally heralded choir asked Spelbring to sing with their 360-member group after learning about her dream.

## Sad end for whales

**HI** KIHAE — Maui authorities say a mother pygmy sperm whale that beached herself on Maui was euthanized, while her calf was feared dead. The whales were taken to the Koieie Fishpond at Halepoulo for protection after they were found on the beach at Keala.

## Arrest in smuggling

**MI** DETROIT — Border agents have arrested a man they say was trying to smuggle 17 Chinese citizens and an Albanian into the United States through an underwater train tunnel that links Windsor, Ontario, to Detroit.

A federal grand jury indicted Wissam Abudayeh, a Palestinian man in his 20s and a legal resident of Canada, on alien smuggling charges.

Authorities say the illegal immigrants boarded a Norfolk Southern engine in Windsor before dawn on Jan. 5 and were caught by U.S. agents during an inspection after the train reached Detroit.

## Big winner at slots

**NV** STATELINE — A Pennsylvania man is pretty happy he didn't stop to eat before hitting the slots here.

Stephen Phares was on a ski vacation when he hit a \$1.3 million

jackpot at Harveys Casino and Resort.

Phares, 42, said he wanted to go to dinner but was prodded by a friend to play a progressive Wheel of Fortune Megajackpot machine.

Now, he said, "I'm very happy we played."

The home mortgage branch manager from Holland, Pa., said he's not sure what he'll do with his winnings.

He said he'd like to invest in Lake Tahoe property. But he also sees his windfall as a chance to help others.

## Keeping in touch

**MS** HERNANDO — Law enforcement agencies in De Soto County will use federal money to build an electronic link between police departments so officers can share information about arrests, suspects and investigations. The new system can also display where each patrol unit is at any time.

## War challenge dismissed

**NE** LINCOLN — The U.S. Supreme Court dismissed a former Nebraska congressman's lawsuit challenging the Iraq war. Clair Callahan, a Democrat who served in the House from 1965-67, argued that President Bush's military assault on Iraq violated the 1973 War Powers Act. A federal judge ruled earlier that a private citizen has no standing to file such a suit, and that U.S. foreign policy isn't subject to court jurisdiction.

## And babies will make 7

**MI** PETOSKEY — John and Jennifer Dallos have quite a handful with their twins. But things are going to get a lot busier very soon.

Jennifer Dallos is expecting triplets in June.

"We're pretty much shocked," John Dallos said. "We have been up on this cloud, just in a haze. You lay down at night and wonder, 'How are we going to be able to do this?' But you just know it's going to be great."

John and Jennifer Dallos, 31 and 28 respectively, hadn't even planned on having another baby. But they were open to the idea of another child.

"We did have two the first time, so we thought that maybe it wasn't in the cards for us to have more kids," Jennifer Dallos said.

"We thought, if it happens, it happens."

Jennifer Dallos did not use fertility drugs.

"When we found out she was pregnant, we thought it would be nice to have another child," her husband said. "We didn't expect to have three."

## Gay restriction

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — Legislators filed a bill to restore a state ban on foster parenting in any household with a gay member.

Sen. Jim Holt, who ran for U.S. Senate on an anti-gay-marriage platform, was a sponsor of the bill to give the state's child welfare board control over "public morality."

A recent Pulaski County Circuit Court ruling said the board didn't have that authority.

Stories and photos from wire services



## YOUR MONEY

# Souvenir fever strikes nation's capital

## Americans open wallets for inauguration memorabilia

By DON OLDENBURG

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With the 55th Presidential inauguration fast approaching, the memorabilia mania has begun. But this souvenir thing, it's a little like the cicadas. Every four years, a gazillion inaugural keepsakes pop up in hotel gift stores, shops and street-side vendors. They get a lot of buzz. Then, a day after the inauguration, they're gone.

"Folks come in here and spend \$1,000 without saying much at all," says Tom Carrier, manager of Political Americana, a memorabilia shop three blocks from the White House. "Four years ago, it was the cuff links and inaugural medals."

Big sellers this year? Cuff links and inaugural medals, probably.

"The Presidential Inauguration Committee looks at what the previous one did, whether it was the other party or not, and does the same thing," says Bob "Button Bob" Levine, a St. Louis button maker for 40 years.

About 40 percent of Political Americana's inaugural inventory is official memorabilia — the only souvenirs allowed to use the Inauguration Seal — \$9 golf ball pens, \$10 coffee mugs, \$28 teddy bears, \$28 sweat shirts, \$30 paperweights, some three dozen items so far. The store has pricier official stuff, such as \$95 silver cuff links, \$225 silver medallions and a \$1,900 gold medallion set.

Key Gallota is shopping on her lunch break. She browses past the \$3 buttons and \$8 T-shirts to examine the \$60 set of old-fashioned "on-the-rocks" glasses. She wants something classy.

"I'm looking for something like money clips for the men and pins for the women," says the SunTrust marketing veep on a quest for inaugural-embossed gifts for colleagues helping her turn the bank's 1,000-guest Inauguration Day blowout.

Her guests will receive a surprise SunTrust-provided souvenir. Not official, but exclusive. Everything not sanctioned by the Inauguration Committee is unofficial.

Early this week, about 100 souvenir hawkers materialized on the sidewalks near the parade route, selling unofficial merchandise.

"It doesn't really start selling until a day or two before," says one longtime souvenir vendor on 15th Street who declined to be identified.

She's not exactly overrun with customers this week. But wait until Inauguration Day, she solemnly swears, "there'll be a big pile of people here."

The "big piles" add up to big business for inaugural merchandisers. "It is a multimillion-dollar venture," says New York political souvenir maker Mort Berkowitz.

"Buttons will outsell everything 10 to 1," says Berkowitz, whose company, Bold Concepts, designed more than 600 buttons for the presidential campaign. "There will be a minimum of a half-million inaugural buttons sold."

As with potato chips, people can't get just one. In 1992, Berkowitz was commissioned by the Inauguration Committee to design the official Clinton buttons. "Next thing I know, QVC was selling a set of five of these buttons," he says, "and, in the course of five shows, they devoted five minutes each show to the buttons, they sold 26,300 sets."

Brian Hartin's Elkridge, Md., company, GOP-Shoppe.com, was selected to be the Bush inauguration's "master vendor," in charge of dreaming up and licensing official products. Hartin says official souvenirs alone did \$2.5 million in sales in Bush's first inauguration.

Traditionally, a second inauguration doesn't attract the same souvenir fervor, but Hartin figures this one will. Why? George W. Bush, he says.



Washington Post

Barry Landau of Manhattan, a self-educated White House historian and collector of things presidential — with a particular interest in inauguration memorabilia — shows off his inauguration memorabilia.

## TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
52-week	Low	High	Close	% Chg
10,628.79	10,598.40	10,638.79	10,628.79	+17.1
3,823.98	3,743.46	3,839.32	3,823.98	+18.85
5,177.29	5,056.81	5,177.29	5,177.29	+2.57
7,773.78	7,621.33	7,773.78	7,773.78	+46.31
1,458.04	1,392.74	1,458.04	1,458.04	+22.11
2,151.68	2,150.82	2,151.68	2,151.68	+18.11
1,217.90	1,169.72	1,217.90	1,217.90	+11.46
186.99	184.29	186.99	186.99	+5.28
656.11	515.99	656.11	656.11	+29.10
12,024.36	10,358.52	12,024.36	12,024.36	+141.14

NYSE				
Most Active (\$1 or more)	Low	High	Close	% Chg
General	62,001	1,70	+1.1	+1.1
Microsoft	3,091.1	25.39	+0.40	+0.40
Northern	3,091.1	1.24	+0.01	+0.01
Alcatel	2,091.1	1.74	+0.01	+0.01
AMC	2,091.1	1.53	+0.01	+0.01
Microsoft	1,091.1	1.53	+0.01	+0.01
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KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
Low	High	Close	% Chg	YTD % Chg
1.00	21.48	+0.2	+0.2	+1.5
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Dollar costs	\$1,343
British pound	\$1,343
Japanese yen (Jan. 20)	100.00
South Korean won (Jan. 20)	1,000.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	6,768
British pound	\$1,343
Canada (Dollar)	1,222
Denmark (Krone)	6,768
Euro (Euro)	1,343
France (Franc)	6,768
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7,989
Hungary (Forint)	18,725
Iceland (Krona)	6,768
Israel (Sheqel)	2,362
Japan (Yen)	102.29
Korea (Won)	1,000.00
Norway (Krone)	6,768
Philippines (Peso)	55.58
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.58
Singapore (Dollar)	1,343
South Korea (Won)	1,000.00
Switzerland (Franc)	6,768
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Taiwan (Dollar)	3,359

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British pound	1,343
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## PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Gold	\$423.20
Silver	\$6.63

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	
Discount rate	5.25
Federal funds market rate	2.17
3-month bill	xxx
30-year Treasury	4.61
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America	

## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

## Tax cuts for students

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — If you're paying off student loans, check out the tax deductions available to you.

The IRS also will not allow you to take the deduction if:

■ Another taxpayer claims an exemption for you as a dependent.

■ You are married but filing separately.

■ You are not legally obligated to make payments on the loan.

"A lot of people are not aware of the benefits," says Martha Holler, a spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, the education-funding provider.

"This is the time of year when getting a college education can actually pay you."

According to the IRS, you can deduct up to \$2,500 for interest paid in 2004 on a qualified federal or private student loan.

You can take this deduction in combination with any other deduction, such as the tuition-and-fee tax deduction or a lifetime learning credit.

But you cannot take the deduction if your adjusted gross income is more than \$65,000 — or \$130,000 if you are married and filing jointly.

If you paid more than \$600 in student loan interest in 2004, your lenders should automatically send you a 1098E form, Holler says. Those forms go in the mail during January, so keep an eye out for yours.

If you don't receive a form, or you paid less than \$600 in interest, "contact your financial provider anyway," Holler advises.

"You'll get some good tax advice."

For more information on deducting your student loan interest, check out IRS publication 970, "Tax Benefits for Education," or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



# Stripes Travel



Stripes photos

Clockwise from above: Germany's famous beer bash, the Munich Oktoberfest; the Palo — a horse race that pits neighborhood against neighborhood in Siena, Italy; and the mysterious and elegant masks of Carnevale in Venice, Italy.



## A year of events in Europe

### Get out your calendar now to book your 2005 fun

BY KAREN BRADBURY

Stars and Stripes

**A**re you new to Europe and eager to fit as much as you can into your time here? Or, having lived here for years, do you sometimes skip events you want to see, figuring there's always next year?

Well, next year has arrived, and it's time to make your travel dreams come true. This listing will give an overview of what is available throughout the seasons.

Remember, the biggest events often require several months of planning to arrange for tickets, airfare and hotel. Remember also that the list represents just a fraction of what Europe has to offer.

#### Winter

Don't run from the dark and the cold. Embrace it. In January and February, consider venturing to the far frozen north. To lure you there, Kiruna, Sweden, hosts a SnowFestival Jan. 25-29 ([www.eventeve.se](http://www.eventeve.se)). While you're in Lapland, check out the Icehotel, or even brave a night there ([www.icehotel.com](http://www.icehotel.com)). From Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, there's the Jokkmokk Sami Winter Fair in Sweden, an event focusing on the culture of a fascinating northern people ([www.jokkmokksmarknad.com](http://www.jokkmokksmarknad.com)). You might even catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights; the city of Tromsø, Norway, hosts a festival dedicated to this natural phenomenon Jan. 25-30 ([www.nordlysfestivalen.no](http://www.nordlysfestivalen.no)).

Planning a trip to the United States around this time of year? Fly on Icelandair, which generally allows for a stop-

over of up to three days in Reykjavik, Iceland. If you're there between now and Feb. 21, try some of the delicacies associated with the Thorablót feast, among them putrefied shark or lamb's head. It's a culinary experience you will certainly remember for the rest of your life — no matter how hard you try to forget it ([www.icelandtouristboard.com](http://www.icelandtouristboard.com)).

The end of January sees Carnival season get into swing. From Jan. 28 to Feb. 8, catch Carnevale in Venice; don your mask and costume and join the revelry ([www.carnivalofvenice.com](http://www.carnivalofvenice.com)). Other carnivals worth a visit include the ones in Sitges, Spain, taking place Feb. 3-9 this year ([www.sitgesvida.com](http://www.sitgesvida.com)), and in Binch, Belgium, Feb. 6-8 ([www.visitbelgium.com](http://www.visitbelgium.com)).

In Germany, carnival is known by several names, including Fasching, and is celebrated with particular fervor in

the cities of Mainz (Feb. 5-7), Cologne (Feb. 3-9) and Düsseldorf (Feb. 3-7) and in the small towns of the Black Forest. This is one event the whole family is sure to enjoy ([www.germany-tourism.de](http://www.germany-tourism.de)).

Are you a lover of winter sports? If so, Italy is the place to be this year. The European Figure Skating Championships will be in Turin, Jan. 25-30 ([www.efsc2005.org](http://www.efsc2005.org)). The Alpine Ski World Championships start Jan. 29 and run through Feb. 13. Men's events take place in Bormio, while the women will be skiing in Santa Caterina ([www.bormio2005.com](http://www.bormio2005.com)).

For those with Irish blood, and all those who wish they did, there's only one place to be on March 17. From March 16-20, St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Dublin, Ireland. The massive street party is considered one



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of the best parties in the world ([www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com) or [www.stpatricksdays.ie](http://www.stpatricksdays.ie)).

Feel like a fiesta? A major event worth catching is Las Fallas in Valencia, Spain, March 15-19. A highlight of this huge festival, which attracts millions of revelers, is the burning of effigies mocking popular figures. A bit later in the season, April 12-17, you can catch the Seville April Fair, with its flamenco parties and introduction to Andalusian culture. From May 10-16, the Fiesta de San Isidro in Madrid takes place. Learn the flamenco or just soak up the Latin rhythms ([www.spain.info](http://www.spain.info)).

Why not dot the end of winter's long sentence by attending an end-of-season bash in the Alps? From April 4-10, head to Mayrhofen, Austria, for Snowbombing, a party geared toward snowboarders ([snowbombing.co.uk](http://snowbombing.co.uk)). Or try Ischgl, Austria, on April 30 for the Top of the Mountain concert at the Idalpe, which never fails to draw top-name acts ([www.austria.info](http://www.austria.info)).

## Spring

Spring means flowers, tulips in particular. On April 23, the Flower Parade, or Bollenstreek, winds through various towns in the northern areas of the Netherlands ([www.holland.com](http://www.holland.com)). Or just visit Keukenhof, the country's flower garden famous for its tulips, in Lisse. While the peak season varies with the weather, the last two weeks of April and the first week of May are usually the best times to view the tulips in their full glory ([www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl)).

If you prefer roses and enjoy travel well off the beaten path, the Festival of Roses takes place on June 4 in Kazanlik, Bulgaria ([www.cometbulgaria.org](http://www.cometbulgaria.org)). Kazanlik roses yield 70 percent

of the world's attar of roses (rose oil), an essential perfume ingredient, and the harvest is marked by folk dances, singing and the crowning of a Rose Queen.

On May 7, head to Germany to see the summer's first Rhine in Flames, a pyrotechnical spectacle that lights up the sky between Linz and Bonn. The numerous castles and palaces along the river are illuminated at night in a breathtaking spectacle. View from the shore or arrange for a river cruise. Simultaneous displays in this annual event are July 2, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10 and 17. Another noteworthy date is June 26, when automobile traffic is forbidden and bicyclists and hikers rule the streets ([www.germany-tourism.de](http://www.germany-tourism.de)).

May 11-22 is the Cannes Film Festival, the film industry's premier event of the year against the stunning backdrop of the French Riviera. Seek out the stars, or with all those agents around, be discovered yourself ([www.festival-cannes.fr](http://www.festival-cannes.fr)).

Are you a lover of speed? If so, you may have dreamed of catching Formula One Grand Prix racing in Monaco, which takes place May 19-22 ([www.visitmonaco.com](http://www.visitmonaco.com)). If you miss out on tickets, try getting to the Spanish Grand Prix just outside Barcelona May 6-8, the French Formula One Grand Prix July 1-3 in Magny-Cours, or the Grand Prix at Monza, Italy on Sept. 4 ([www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com)).

If your 2005 plans include a resolution to get fit, why not incorporate training for a marathon in your fitness routine? Marathons take



Above: Racing enthusiasts may choose from Formula One Grand Prix racing in Monaco May 19-22, the Spanish Grand Prix near Barcelona May 6-8, the French Formula One Grand Prix July 1-3 in Magny-Cours, or the Grand Prix at Monza, Italy, on Sept. 4. At left: U.S. world champion and Olympic medalist Bode Miller is dominating the World Cup circuit this season.

place throughout Europe in a variety of settings, from city streets to countryside to mountains. Catch one on March 13 in Rome; March 20 in Barcelona; April 10 in Paris or Rotterdam, Netherlands; April 17 in London, Lyons, France, and Turin, Italy; May 8 in Düsseldorf; May 22 in Copenhagen, Denmark; June 4 in Stockholm, Sweden, to name a few. Not quite up to a full marathon? Try the run over the bridge spanning Copenhagen and Malmö, Sweden, on June 18 ([www.marathonguide.com](http://www.marathonguide.com)).

For the few and the strong who feel up to it, this may be the year to enter an Ironman competition. On May 21, Club La Santa in Lanzarote, Canary Islands, hosts an Ironman Triathlon, where you can test your endurance through ordeals set in an otherworldly

lava encrusted moonscape ([www.ironmanlanzarote.com](http://www.ironmanlanzarote.com)). Other Ironman competitions take place in Karnten, Austria (July 3), Zurich, Switzerland (July 17) and Frankfurt, Germany, (July 10) ([www.ironmanlive.com](http://www.ironmanlive.com)). From May 28 to June 10, the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy Motorcycle Races are staged, an event that has been attracting bike enthusiasts since 1907 and now draws several thousand. Its mountain course remains for many the ultimate challenge. During race weeks, roads are closed and the Isle of Man, beautiful any time of year, rocks ([www.iont.com](http://www.iont.com)).

Hard-core Harley fans might prefer to head to Davos, Switzerland, July 1-3 for the Ninth Annual H.O.G. Mountain Rally ([www.davosrally.ch](http://www.davosrally.ch)).

The year will offer a unique chance to take part in events organized in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. On May 8, a national holiday in France, V-E Day will be marked by ceremonies commemorating the Allied victory at the Arc d'Triomphe and the Champs Elysees in Paris. Other military observations include D-Day celebrations, which are held annually on June 6 in Normandy, France. Those who fought and perished during the Allied operation on this date in 1944 are remembered on the beaches and in the military cemeteries around Caen and Bayeux. You can meet some of these fighters while visiting the sites of key World War II events ([www.normandy-tourism.org](http://www.normandy-tourism.org)).

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Young women in traditional Dutch dress welcome visitors to Keukenhof gardens in Lisse, Netherlands. Every year the gardens burst with tulips and other bulb plants in an event that has become a harbinger of spring.



Images courtesy of Tropical Islands

**Above:** The dome that houses the resort called Tropical Islands was built in 1997 as a zeppelin hangar by a German company.

**Right:** Underneath the dome is an environment that mimics a tropical paradise, with white sandy beaches bordering a sea area the size of four Olympic-sized pools, waterfalls tumbling into a warm, tranquil lagoon, a rain forest, several restaurants, shops and entertainment.



# Paradise with a parking lot

## Small German town offers a tropical resort under a dome

BY TIM DOWLING

The Guardian

From a distance you can't tell what it is, or what it was — this stretched dome, this oblong bubble squatting on the flat, spare landscape of an unused Russian military air base, deep in the birch and pine forests of former East Germany.

You can't even guess the true scale of the dome in the hamlet of Brandt until you get close enough to see the tiny cars parked along its edge.

Here's what it is: a tropical island paradise, with white sandy beaches, waterfalls tumbling into tranquil lagoons, a rain forest, several restaurants, shops and all manner of entertainments, protected from the freezing Brandenburg winter by the world's largest self-supporting hall.

Raw numbers aren't much help with something this size, but for the record it's nearly 1,200 feet long, about 690 feet wide, and some 330 feet high in the middle. You could slide the Eiffel Tower in on its side, or, if you prefer, the Statue of Liberty standing up.

Could this be the future of tourism — sun-kissed leisure without the trouble or expense of travel? Simply re-create the climate and approximate the culture of a popular travel destination at home, then build an enormous parking lot next to it? If this project is successful, there are plans to build more tropical paradises in Europe.

The idea for this roofed-over resort, called simply Tropical Islands, came from Malaysian entrepreneur Colin Au. On a visit to Germany, where he happened to be getting four ocean liners built, he noticed that the weather tended toward the foul although German tourists loved the sun.

### If you go

• **Getting there:** Tropical Islands is near Autobahn 13 running between Berlin and Dresden, about 30 miles south of Berlin. If driving, take exit "Staakow" and follow signs to the resort.

• **If going by rail:** regional trains RE 2 and RB 14 from Berlin stop at Brand/Niederlausitz once per hour. A free shuttle bus runs from the railway station to the dome, about two miles away.

• **Hours and times:** The resort is open around the clock, every day of the year.

• **Costs:** Admission prices are based on a four-hour stay and range from 7.50 euros (about \$9.75) to 20 euros, depending on the day and time. Each additional hour is 1 euro. Children up to age 3 get in free, and ages 4-13 years pay 50 percent of the adult price. Discounts are also available for visitors over 65 and the disabled.

• **Admission includes access to** all public areas of the resort,



An entertainer gives newcomers a warm greeting before a show.

daytime shows in the Tropical Village (daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); an evening show at the South Sea; a wardrobe locker and free parking.

Overnight packages are available at local hotels.

• **Food:** Meals are available at several locations in the Tropical Village and at Magel- nia's Ocean Bar next to the

South Sea. Guests are asked not to bring in food and drinks.

• **Dress:** The resort recommends wearing summer dress and light shoes, and possibly a change of clothes for dinner, sports or swimming. Swimsuits are allowed only in South Sea and Lagoon areas.

• **More on the Web:** In English, at [www.my-tropical-islands.com/engl](http://www.my-tropical-islands.com/engl)

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And the building itself makes your head spin.

Everyone wants the resort to work, but to many it seems slightly crazier than the idea of a giant zeppelin factory.

Au makes a point of distinguishing between the "hardware" of Tropical Islands (beaches, lagoon, rain forest, restaurants) and the "software" (service and hospitality).

"People tell me it's hard to get Germans to smile," he said. "Well, we have taught our staff to smile."

Tropical Islands is to remain open 24 hours a day every day of the year. Although the resort expected more than its capacity of 7,000 visitors on its first day, people only trickled in.

One of them was Dieter Knabe, a tanned 63-year-old retiree from Lubbenau. "I like it," he said of the place. "For a beginning, it's good, but it needs some changes."

Knabe pointed toward the sun projected on the enormous screen behind the sea. "I think it's a little bit simple with the sun and clouds there," he said. "I would like to see some other projections."

He also thought the temperature was a little cool. He was just back from the Canary Islands, where he sunbathed nude (prohibited here), so he knows what a real tropical paradise feels like. But outside it was snowing sideways, so perhaps the inside was not so bad.

Au says you will be able to tan under the dome when the sun is out, though that depends upon the huge fabric roof sections being replaced with transparent material early in 2005.

Right now, despite all its efforts, the park seems a little grey and gloomy. And, yes, it is a bit chilly.

Perhaps with more visitors, if it gets them, it will warm up.

He dreamed of bringing the tropics to the Germans, and parking it a convenient distance from Berlin, not far from the main road to Dresden.

The dome was already there. It was built in 1977 as a zeppelin hangar by a German company called Cargolifter, which had its own dream of building giant dirigibles capable of floating freight around the globe. This dream went bust in 2002, leaving huge debts and a big empty shell.

A Malaysian consortium fronted by Au bought the building for

about \$38 million, a quarter of what it cost to build. A further \$95 million was spent transforming it into a tropical holiday destination, and on the power plant designed to keep the place at 78-85 degrees year round.

At the Tropical Islands' gala launch last month, the transformation from airship hangar to island paradise was nearly complete. There were still a few coiled-up pipes about, and the rain forest plants look a bit dusty, but most things were in place.

The sand along the lip of the Balinese lagoon was a pristine white. On the other side of the rain forest, the island in the centre of the tropical sea — a body of water about the size of four Olympic swimming pools — was set for the premiere of what would become a a nightly stage show. More than 1 million cubic feet of soil and 500 plant species had been trucked in for their rain forest. The speakers shaped like rocks and used to broadcast insect noises were scattered around the grounds.

# Spain's museum of ham

## Madrid displays its selections like masterpieces

BY BLAKE GOPNIK

The Washington Post

It's every critic's nightmare. You're asked to visit a museum devoted to a subject you know nothing about. It's full of objects without a single link to all the other things you've written on. And there are no texts or catalogue to help you along.

You've got nothing more than fuzzy impressions of what makes one exhibit different from another, and a vague, untutored sense of which things you like and which you don't.

For the duration of your visit, that is, you're in the same boat as most visitors to most museums.

Except that you're supposed to write about the stuff so convincingly that a million or so readers will put off checking out the sports pages to spend some time with you.

So here goes: "Salty and nutty, with a fruity sweetness underlying it, a beautiful rose-hip-tee transparency and a pleasant tooth."

That, I'm afraid, is about as far as my critical acumen will go, despite repeat visits to various branches of Madrid's Museo del Jamon, the Museum of Ham.

The Museo sometimes seems to rival the Prado — no, make that to displace the Prado — in the affections of Madrilenos. For all the masterpieces hanging on its walls, come lunchtime the Prado is rarely as mobbed as the museum hung with hams.

The Museo del Jamon (pronounced "ham-ON") is not truly a museum. It's a typically Spanish blend of deli, restaurant and bar, conceived 26 years ago to cater to the Spaniards' ham obsession.

The Museo is an entirely for-profit enterprise, with several outlets across the city. But it has a dedication to the product it displays that bears witness to an aesthetic, curatorial purpose.

The walls of the Museo are hung with hams in pretty much the way art galleries show pictures. Floor to ceiling, upstairs and down, the walls and rafters proudly display the vast range of cured hog legs for sale, sometimes complete with tiny black trotters.

No doubt the hams need to be stored in the open to keep correctly. And maybe the cigarette smoke adds a certain tang. But the clearly museum-quality pleasure to be had in contemplating the exquisite subtleties of all the wares on show. The spread is like a grand old Dutch still life, with the advantage that after you've had a look, you get to taste as well.

There are rare, government-certified *iberico de bellota* hams. Some hams have been cut from heirloom breeds of long-legged, black-hoofed *iberico* pigs, range-fed only on acorns (*bellotas*) from the same oak trees harvested for centuries.

They are dried for many months in mountain air, and can



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In Madrid, Spain, Museo del Jamon hangs its selections of ham with the pride of an art gallery.

come from only six areas in Spain whose terroirs merit classification. (The generic term *serano*, used to describe cured ham in Spain, means "from the mountains.")

Other fine meats at the Museo may not rate official certification, but they still proudly announce their place of origin: One wall displays a raft of hams labeled *murciano* (from Murcia, a small area on Spain's east-central coast); another side of the bar is decorated with a mass of swine legs from the region of Extremadura, where Spain meets Portugal (the only source for good *serano* ham, according to some Spaniards — especially the Extremadurans).

True *jamon* critics clearly know their schools of ham, the way a connoisseur of paintings might prefer the masters of Rome to anyone from Venice, while recognizing the virtues of

The Museo serves hams at every level of cost and quality.

There are young, machine-sliced meats, pale and light as Italian prosciutto crudo. And there is leathery, mahogany-brown stuff sawed at by countermeasures whose knives have been sharpened almost to the point of disappearance.

Like a museum neophyte who still prefers Renoir to Manet, I rather liked the paper-thin, regular slices of younger flesh. It might take another year or 10 of sophisticated tasting to fully appreciate the ancient, salty, chewy flakes of *jamon granadino* that I was also served.

The ham of Spain has all the markers of Old Master art. Like fine painting, *jamon* has a wide range of meanings — at least those brought up to make them out. It can speak about proud *hispanidad*, but also about its breakdown into a range of fiercely local loyalties.

It also speaks of how the modern plays off against the old, like a Renaissance picture on an ancient Roman theme. (Those hanging hams are lit by raw

fluorescent lights, Rembrandts in a roomful of Flavins; they are surrounded by lively cell phone conversation.)

*Jamon* also speaks to class and status: A veteran workman spending a morning's pay on a plate of old-fashioned ham is different from a pampered teen who buys *jamon iberico* to show off his taste and his parents' newfound wealth.

Like other works of art, *jamon iberico* also provides purely formal, sensory pleasures. A wide-ranging tasting of *jamon* feels like a stroll through the Prado.

There are hams in swirling pink and white like something out of Rubens, and hams in stormy, late-Titian red; there are hams that have the lightness on the tongue of a Murillo virgin rising up to Heaven, and precious, tough old hams that evoke Ribera's hermit saints.

All this isn't mere hyperbole. I'm not just citing the Old Masters as a metaphor for how good *jamon* can get. It's meant as a serious assertion of this ham's claims to artfulness. *Jamon* works within the kinds of parameters that make for a single, coherent, aesthetic language — you could say the *jamon* laws create a kind of formal grammar by allowing a vast range of subtle difference to take root within those bounds.

Like museum-certified fine art, *jamon* has ancient pedigree, which makes each new leg of pork the latest link in a chain of stable tradition. And it has variety, because of a past punctuated now and then, here and there, by transforming innovation.

Experts more or less agree on a canon of *jamon* greatness. And fiercely disagree on where each ham ranks within the canon.

There's even a market that reflects that canon: The true connoisseur will pay well over \$100 for a hand-sliced pound of masterpiece *jamon*. (At the highest end, *jamon-istas* don't frequent the Museo del *jamon*; it's a midlevel chain that services a less extravagant clientele.)

The only thing that's lacking in the art world of *jamon*, as far as I can tell, is a radical contemporary wing. I've yet to come across a juniper-cured haunch of *iberico* pig finished with a vanilla-saffron rub. But maybe it will come, if critics develop tastes and terms to do it justice.

Spanish *serano* ham — though not certified *jamon iberico*, which does not yet meet USDA importation rules — can be found on the Web at [www.tienda.com](http://www.tienda.com) and other gourmet sites.





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**Above:** Flowers bloom in front of the windmill at Keukenhof, the famous Dutch flower garden on the outskirts of Lisse, Netherlands.  
**Right:** The annual Rock am Ring Festival at the Nurburgring racetrack in Germany assures a lively time; here Sonny Sandoval of P.O.D. jumps into the crowd in May 2002.

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### Summer

The Highland Games take place across Scotland throughout the summer. Best known is the Braemar Gathering, at which those with royal blood often make an appearance. Smaller, local events remain genuine and constitute important community events. While Braemar's event is scheduled for Sept. 4, smaller locales kick off their games in early as June. Don't miss the unique opportunity to groove to the dulcet tunes of bagpipes and see large men in tartan kilts hurt heavy objects ([www.visitScotland.com](http://www.visitScotland.com)).

If you've dreamed of seeing Russia, no city is more beautiful than St. Petersburg, and no time is better to visit than June 11 through July 2, when it hosts its "White Nights" celebrations. At this time of year, the sun never sets, and the party on the banks of the Neva never stops ([www.saint-petersburg.com](http://www.saint-petersburg.com)).

On and around June 21, the Scandinavian and Baltic countries celebrate midsummer day — the longest day — with festivals and gatherings lasting throughout the night. In Norway and Denmark, St. Hans Day is marked by festive gatherings around the innumera-

ble bonfires dotting the coastlines.

Those who like equine sports should mark June 4 as the date to attend the Vodafone Derby Festival on the Epsom Downs in England, which offers the most coveted prize in racing. The winner nets a purse of 1 million pounds (about \$1.9 million). Don your finery, pack a picnic, and see and be seen ([www.epsonderby.co.uk](http://www.epsonderby.co.uk)).

Even those who aren't lovers of tennis have heard of Wimbledon. This year, the tournament is June 20 to July 3. It is difficult, but possible, to buy tickets. Find out how by visiting the event's official Web site, [www.wimbledon.org](http://www.wimbledon.org). Another "must" for tennis buffs in Europe is the Paris Open, May

23 to June 5. The Masters Series is also a major event in the tennis world, and its tournaments take place in Monte Carlo in April, Rome and Hamburg, Germany, in May, and Madrid in October. See the complete schedule at [www.atptennis.com/en](http://www.atptennis.com/en).

What lifetime is complete without having camped out at a rock festival? You have your chance from June 30 to July 3 at the Ros-

kilde Music Festival in Denmark. Sleeping in the mud at this festival notorious for its rainy weather is a rite of passage for many Scandinavian and German youths. Pack plenty of dry socks. The performing acts will be announced soon ([www.roskilde-festival.dk](http://www.roskilde-festival.dk)).

Germany's twin Rock am Ring and Rock in Park, near Nuremberg from June 3-5, also promise

an all-star lineup. The two musical festivals are billed as the largest open-air events in Europe ([www.rock-am-ring.com](http://www.rock-am-ring.com), [www.rock-in-park.com](http://www.rock-in-park.com)).

The Glastonbury Festival takes place in Somerset, England, June 24-26, but you'll be hard-pressed to get tickets to this mama of all fests. You might have better luck with the Reading or Leeds Festivals in August.

If rock isn't your kind of music, the Summer Jam may be more your style. Europe's biggest reggae event is July 8-10 on a lake island just outside Cologne. Pack your red, gold and green tent, because you'll be campin' ([www.summerjam.de](http://www.summerjam.de)).

Jazz lovers face a real dilemma. Europe abounds with good jazz fests throughout the summer, and more often than not the location can't be beat. Good bets include the North Sea Festival July 8-10 in The Hague, Netherlands; the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland July 1-16; the Royal Bank Jazz Festival in Glasgow, Scotland, June 17-26; Jazz Baltica in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, July 1-3; and the Umbria Jazz Festival in Perugia, Italy, July 2-17.

On July 2, the lovely hill town of Siena, Italy, hosts its annual Palio, so much more than a horse race.

The Palio is a fiercely fought competition dating to medieval times that pits neighborhoods against one another. Victory equals power and great honor.



Riders parade through the fairgrounds at the Feria de Abril (April Fair) in Seville, Spain.



Photos from Stars and Stripes files

**Left:** Great games in jazz, such as George Benson, perform at the annual North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, Netherlands.

**Below:** Runners try to evade bulls charging through the streets during the annual Running of the Bulls at the San Fermin Fiesta in Pamplona, Spain.



The event repeats itself in August. Other towns throughout Italy host their own palios. Web site: [www.comune.siena.it](http://www.comune.siena.it)

July 2-24 is the time for the annual Tour de France. Cheer on the racers at any of the stages throughout the race (this year Germany will host a start and a finish along the route) or welcome the winners along the Champs-Élysées on the final day ([www.letour.com](http://www.letour.com)).

Just because you're not in the United States doesn't mean July 4 has to be like any other day. Inde-

pendence Day is celebrated annually in Rebild, Denmark, about 15 miles south of Aalborg. Music and entertainment are just some of the ways in which Danish-U.S. ties are honored. Aalborg lays on a slew of cultural events designed to be of interest to its American friends ([www.aalborg-tourist.dk](http://www.aalborg-tourist.dk)).

Sicily is the venue for a seemingly inexhaustible number of festivals and the like, but top among them is the Festino di Santa Rosalia. From July 10-15, Palermo becomes a fair, theater and parade ground. Torchlit processions

are conducted to Monte Pellegrino, where legend has it the Saint appeared to a hunter ([www.sicilyzone.com](http://www.sicilyzone.com)).

July 6-14 there's the Fiesta of San Fermin in Spain, more popularly known as the running of the bulls. The event takes place in Pamplona. Remember, watching may be more advisable than running ([www.sanfermin.com](http://www.sanfermin.com)).

Although it was canceled last year due to lack of funds, Berlin's Love Parade is reported to be back on, with a date of July 9 (pending confirmation). This funky event uses techno music to spread its message of tolerance, respect and understanding ([www.loveparade.de](http://www.loveparade.de)).

If culture and the arts is your bag, from Aug. 7-29 Edinburgh, Scotland, hosts The Fringe, billed as the world's largest celebration of culture and artistic expression. This event has been taking place since 1947, so the organizers have had plenty of time to get things right. The city's International Festival, featuring music, opera, theater and dance, and the Royal Tattoo, featuring

pipe bands and military music, run almost simultaneously, so you really can't go wrong by heading there this time of year ([www.edinburgh.org](http://www.edinburgh.org)).

If your motto is walk, don't run, you might want to try The Doden-tocht, or Death March, a yearly 100-kilometer hike starting from Bornem, Belgium. Participants have exactly one day to finish the grueling walk. To ease the way, bars are open all along the route. Up to half of the people who start never make it to the end. It's much harder than it sounds ([www.visitbelgium.com](http://www.visitbelgium.com)).

If life in a simpler time appeals to you, shed your 21st-century cares and head to a medieval fair. Featuring jousting, falconry, period costumes and much more, these events are spread out across Europe. Berkeley Castle in Gloucester, England, hosts two week-ends of medieval mayhem with jousting events July 23-24 and 30-31 ([www.joust.info](http://www.joust.info)).

Visby, Sweden, recalls its past as a mighty Hanseatic city Aug. 7-14 ([www.medeltidsveckan.com](http://www.medeltidsveckan.com)). Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic holds the Festival of the Five Petalled Rose June 17-19. Horsens, Denmark, hosts its European Medieval Festival Aug. 26-27. A good directory to all the fairs is at [www.faires.com](http://www.faires.com).

## Autumn

As always, beer lovers in Germany have plenty of reason to rejoice. This year's Munich Okto-

berfest is Sept. 17 to Oct. 3. It claims to be the biggest public festival in the world, attended by around 6 million visitors. In a typical year, more than 5 million liters of beer from Munich breweries are consumed ([www.muenchen-tourist.de](http://www.muenchen-tourist.de)).

Non-beer lovers may feel happier at a wine festival. Mainz, Germany, holds a big one on the first weekend of September. Frankfurt is home to the annual Rheingau Wine Market at the same time of year. The first 10 days of September are devoted to wine tasting and general feasting at the annual wine festival in Limassol, Cyprus. Gourmands will feel pleased to have made the trip to Merano, Italy's International Wine Festival and Culinarium from Nov. 12-15 ([www.merano.info](http://www.merano.info)).

At the end of November, Germany, and to a lesser extent Austria, Belgium, France and Switzerland, kick off their annual Christmas markets, which generally run up to Dec. 23. The one in Cologne, Nuremberg, Munich and Heidelberg are not to be missed.

Looking even further ahead to 2006, we will see the staging of the Winter Olympic Games in Turin, beginning Feb. 10 ([www.torino2006.com](http://www.torino2006.com)), as well as the FIFA World Cup Football at stadiums throughout Germany beginning June 9 ([ffworldcup.yahoo.com](http://ffworldcup.yahoo.com)).

Before you know it, you'll be planning how to spend New Year's 2006. Hoggany, anyone?

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In conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, various locations in France will hold memorial ceremonies on May 8. Above, dignitaries salute the colors as taps plays at the D-Day ceremony at Pointe du Hoc in 2001.



# Ski school welcomes 50,000th guest

By JOSEPH HOVELL  
Stripes Travel reader

Thirty-seven years ago, Austrian Siegi Baumgartner and a group of ski instructors were on Kitzsteinhorn Glacier when he saw a group of Americans having trouble getting down the slope.

He gave them a hand, then joined them for drinks and told them he was planning to start a ski school. He invited his new friends to return the next year, and has spent much of his time every year after that helping Americans ski and finding good places to party.

The man American skiers have come to know as simply Siegi formed Siegi Tours, based in St. Veit im Pongau, Austria, and members of U.S. military ski clubs in Europe have been among his best customers.

During the New Year's holiday, Siegi Tours welcomed its

50,000th guest by organizing a drawing among the 400 customers visiting that weekend.

The winner was Michelle Leeming, part of a Canadian group from the NATO base at Geilenkirchen, Germany. She was honored by Siegi, St. Veit Mayor Franz and the director of the tourist office. They were among members of the community gathered on the main square for St. Veit's annual New Year's celebration.

Leeming received a complimentary package from Siegi Tours including room, breakfast and dinner for six days, plus five days of ski instruction at the Red-White-Red Ski School.

The package also includes passes for evening entertainment, a five-day lift pass valid on the ski area's 280 lifts and 860 kilometers of prepared runs, ski rental for five days, a bottle of champagne, flower bouquet and



Photo courtesy of Siegi Tours

Michelle Leeming receives congratulations from ski school owner Siegi Baumgartner, left, and Franz Lainer, mayor of St. Veit, Austria.

a Siegi Tours mug.

Siegi's wife, Irene, who handles publicity for Siegi Tours, said the company is already working on its next milestone.

"We hope it will not take another 37 years to get the next 50,000," she said. "Maybe we can reach it in half the time."

The skiers Siegi helped down

the slope in 1968 were from the Wiesbaden Ski Club. And his first set of lessons were given to 16 people from that club.

After the drawdown of U.S. forces in the 1990s, other English speakers became a larger part of Siegi's clientele. This New Year's weekend there were 120 Canadians among the 400 attendees.

Repeat visitors who had skied with Siegi while stationed in Europe now fly in from the States.

When asked why he thought people keep returning to his ski school, Siegi said he thought it was because they find value for the money and hospitality.

Gina Ashton, a teacher in Wiesbaden, and her 13-year-old daughter, Christine, who were visiting for the fourth time, agreed.

"The skiing is really fun. The evening activities are great and designed for kids. The people at Siegi's and at [the ski school] do everything to make you happy with the trip," they said.

"We even had beginners and were not intimidated by the ski instructors. There are enough classes that you can ski with both your level and with adults/children based on your age. We'll go back again."

For more information in English on Siegi Tours and its programs, including a slide show of the St. Veit area and new round packages and costs, go to [www.siegitours.com](http://www.siegitours.com).

Joseph Howell is a member of the Frankfurt International Ski Club.

## Ski Clubs & Events

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### Clubs

#### ITALY

##### AVIANO SKI CLUB

Area: Northern Italy

Web site: [www.avianoskiclub.com](http://www.avianoskiclub.com)

Telephone: 0434 366 185 (Gloria Leonarduzzi, vice president)  
Trips: Jan. 28-30, Sella Ronda and Arabbi, \$150; Lake Bled, Slovenia, \$190; March 11-13, Molltaler Glacier, Aus., \$120.

#### GERMANY

##### FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB

Telephone: 069-9720-3669

E-mail: info@fisweb.org

Web site: [www.fisweb.org](http://www.fisweb.org)

Trips: Jan. 28-30, Andermatt, Switzerland, 195 euros; Jan. 29, Schwarzwald, Germany, 400 euros; Feb. 4-8, Champolieu, Italy, 425 euros; Feb. 4-6, Adelboden, Switzerland, 255 euros; Feb. 11-13, Villars, Switzerland, 245 euros; Feb. 12-19, St. Veit im Pongau, Austria, 380 euros; Feb. 18-20, Verbier, Switzerland, 195 euros; Feb. 18-21, Crans-Montana, 265 euros; Feb. 25-27, Zell am See, Austria, 200 euros; Feb. 26-March

5, Banff, Canada, 780 euros; March 4-6, Disentis, Switzerland, 185 euros; March 10-13, Chamixon, France, 295 euros; March 11-13, Laax/Films/Falera, Switzerland, 295 euros; March 18-20, Klosters, Switzerland, 295 euros; March 24-28, St. Moritz, Switzerland, 340 euros; March 26-April 2, Val Thorens, France, 485 euros.

##### GRAFENWÖHR SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

Area: Grafenwöhr/Vlitschek

Telephone: DSN 476-1560, or civilian 0964-1831560

E-mail: [anthony.neaverth@us.army.mil](mailto:anthony.neaverth@us.army.mil) or [GRAFSKICLUB@hotmail.com](mailto:GRAFSKICLUB@hotmail.com)

Trips: Feb. 17-25, Dolomiti, Italy, price TBA; March 18-20, Zell am See, Aus., price TBA.

##### HEIDELBERG INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB

Telephone: 06202-577-8422 or 06221-575382, or DSN 370-5352

E-mail: [president@heidelbergbski.com](mailto:president@heidelbergbski.com)

Web site: [www.heidelbergbski.com](http://www.heidelbergbski.com)

Trips: Jan. 28-30, Wengen, Switzerland, 225 euros; Feb. 4-6, Verbier, 116 euros; Feb. 11-13, Crans-Montana, Switzerland, 230 euros; Feb. 18-21, Bad Hofgastein, Austria, 325 euros; Feb. 18-21, Films Lax, Switzerland, 225 euros; Feb. 20-26, St. Veit im Pongau, Austria, 380 euros; March 18-20, Davos/Klosters, Switzerland, 245 euros; March 19-26, Tignes, France, 765 euros; April 1-3, Engelberg, Switzerland, 265 euros; April 8-10, Arberg, 210 euros; April 9-16, Val Thorens (200-340 euros); April 29-May 1, Ischgl (220 euros).

##### KAISERSLAUTERN SKI CLUB

Telephone: 06303-4751

E-mail: [carperb@msn.com](mailto:carperb@msn.com)

Web site: [http://www.geocities.com/\\_kownskiclub/](http://www.geocities.com/_kownskiclub/)

Trips: Jan. 28-30, Wilde Kaiser, Aus., 145 euros; Feb. 11-13, Serfaus, Aus., 185 euros; Feb. 17-21, Chamixon, France, 430 euros; Feb. 26-March 5, Trois Vallées, France, 480 euros; March 18-20, Lenzerheide, Switzerland, 210 euros. A non-refundable 50-euro deposit is required for all trip sign-ups.

##### LABER SKI CLUB

Area: Southern Germany, Austria and Northern Italy

Telephone: C1 08822 9481 3100, DSN 440-2368

E-mail: President Tim Payne at [Payne.timothy@natoschool.nato.int](mailto:Payne.timothy@natoschool.nato.int), select "NATO School Lodge & Community Club"

Trips: Jan. 22, Lermoos, Aus.; Feb. 5-6, Koenig Lang Lauf (cross country), Oberammergau, Germany; Feb. 12, Ratschings, Aus.; Feb. 25-27, St. (TBD); March 6, Seefeld, Aus.; March 12, Ischgl, Aus.; March 19-20, Passo Porcia, Italy.

##### MANNHEIM INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB

Telephone: Janet-Anne Boykin at 06206-75268

E-mail: [boykinjan@hotmail.com](mailto:boykinjan@hotmail.com)

Web site: <http://isk1.no.to.info>

Trips: Jan. 28-30, Lech/Zurs/St. Anton, Switz., 130 euros; Feb. 4-6, Portes du Soleil, 145 euros; Feb. 18-21, St. Anton, Aus., 180 euros, bed and breakfast; Feb. 25-27, Portes du Soleil, 145 euros; March 4-6, Lech/Zurs/St. Anton, Aus., 130 euros; March 11-13, Montafon,

Aus., 130 euros; March 18-20, Verbier, Switz., 140 euros; April 9-16, Meribel, France, prices based on double occupancy, supplement for singles.

##### PATCH SKI CLUB

Area: Stuttgart

Telephone: DSN 430-5789

E-mail: info@psc-ski.org

Web site: [www.patchski.club](http://www.patchski.club)

Trips: Jan. 28-30, Zell am See, Aus., 205 euros; Feb. 4-6, Engelberg, Switz., 190 euros; Feb. 18-21, Jungfrau, Switz., 230 euros; March 4-6, Gstaad, Switz., 200 euros; March 17-20, Chamixon, France, 390 euros; April 7-10, St. Moritz, Switz., April 7-10, April 9-16, Val Thorens, France, 320 euros; April 29-May 1, Ischgl, Aus., 220 euros; May 27-30, Lermoos, Aus., 200 euros.

TANNEBAUM SKI CLUB  
Area: Kaiserslautern Military Community, Effel, Baumholder, Mannheim regions, Rheinland-Pfalz and Spangdahlem

E-mail: David Hanavan, [dave@tannenbaumski.club](mailto:dave@tannenbaumski.club); Rick Kane, [rickVP@tannenbaumski.club](mailto:rickVP@tannenbaumski.club)

Telephone: 06301-3478

Web address: [www.tannenbaumski.club](http://www.tannenbaumski.club)

Trips: Jan. 28-30, Effel, Baumholder, 375 euros; Feb. 4-6, Gstaad, Switz., 195 euros; Feb. 18-21, Verbier+Valleys, Switz., 210 euros; Feb. 18-21, Portes du Soleil, France, 245 euros; Feb. 18-21, Bad Gastein, Aus., 235 euros; March 4-6, Jungfrau, Switz., 160 euros; March 11-13, Laax-Films, 185 euros; April 1-3, Engelberg, Switz., 200 euros; April 18-20, St. Anton, Aus., 165 euros; April

29-May 1, Ischgl, Aus., 205 euros. Prices based on double occupancy. All trips are by bus except the Siegi trips, which are U-drives. WESTP-FALZ INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB

Area: Kaiserslautern Military Community

Web site: [www.westfalzski.club.org](http://www.westfalzski.club.org)

Telephone: 06371-598537

E-mail: [kdsowell@interquest.de](mailto:kdsowell@interquest.de)

Trips: Feb. 18-21, Jungfrau, Switz., 230 euros; March 6-12, St. Veit, Aus., 390 euros, including ski school; March 11-13, Zell am See, Aus., 220 euros; April 8-10, Lech, Aus., 220 euros; April 29-May 1, Ischgl, Aus., 215 euros. WÜRZBURG INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB

Telephone: 06109-1181562

E-mail: [skiclub@hotmail.com](mailto:skiclub@hotmail.com)

Web site: [www.wskiclub.org](http://www.wskiclub.org)

Trips: Feb. 18-21, Verbier, Switz., 220 euros; March 4-6, Jungfrau, Switz., 180 euros; April 9-16, Trois Vallées, France, 200-315 euros; April 29-May 1, Ischgl, Aus., 230 euros.

### Outdoor Recreation

#### ITALY

VICENZA OUTDOOR RECREATION: Jan. 29, Feb. 19, March 5 and 26, Obereggen, Italy. Feb. 5, March 12 and April 2, San Martino, Italy. Feb. 12 and March 19, Alleghe, Italy. Sign up the Sunday before. DSN 634-7453.

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# The Powder Hound



## Alpine snow conditions

as of January 17, 2005

Result	Ski Depth in"	ON	OFF	Report Revs	Lifts Open	General Information
Kauernthal, AUS	9020	Good	Varied	Fair	8/8	*All measurements are in centimeter
Mayrhofen, AUS	5010	Packed	Packed	Artificial	24/24	Good piste cond., best on upper slopes
Neustift, AUS	12020	Good	Varied	Closed	21/24	Pistes maintained by artificial snow
Ritztal, AUS	14840	Good	Varied	Closed	7/7	Plenty of good snow at altitude
St. Anton, AUS	15240	Good	Varied	Packed	83/83	Best cond. found at altitude
Zell Am See, AUS	6410	Good	Varied	Hard	28/28	Good snow and skiing at altitude
Chamonix, FR	10020	Hard	Packed	Hard	44/47	Best cond. found on upper slopes
Les Deux Alpes, FR	10030	Packed	Varied	Packed	45/59	Small rocks starting to show
Val d'Isère, FR	8282	Hard	Varied	Ice	44/47	Best snow found above mid-station
Garmisch, GER	10525	Good	Varied	Good	23/27	Ski cond. okay, more snow is better
Feldberg, GER	4935	Packed	Packed	Packed	14/28	Best cond. found on upper slopes
Cortina, IT	9040	Packed	Varied	Worn	46/47	Best conditions found up high
Livigno, IT	9338	Fair	Varied	Fair	32/32	Good cond. Debris on lower slopes
Passo Tonale, IT	22090	Good	Packed	Packed	18/18	Best snow found above mid-station
Engelberg, SW	10520	Fair	Packed	Hard	25/25	Good conditions in higher areas
St. Moritz, SW	20345	Excellent	Crust	Artificial	22/22	Plenty of good snow at altitude
Verbier, SW	6915	Good	Crust	Artificial	26/36	Good skiing on well groomed pistes
Zermatt, SW	17038	Excellent	Varied	Hard	30/30	Good skiing on well groomed pistes

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Jan. 22 Ski Express, Garmisch, Germany  
Jan. 26 Ski Express, Oberstdorf, Germany  
**Mannheim** Taylor Bercks, 381-7213-0421-720-7213  
Jan. 22 Skiing & Snowboarding, Feldberg, Germany  
Jan. 29 Skiing & Snowboarding, Engelberg, Switzerland  
**Darmstadt** London-Kathleen Koenig, 348-6277-0451-48-4277  
Feb. 12 Skiing, Oberstdorf, Germany  
**Heidelberg** Heidi Bercks, 489-7751-9631-636-7751  
Jan. 22 Skiing, Feldberg, Germany

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## GERMANY

**Baumholder Outdoor Recreation:** Jan. 15, Paris Express, \$85 adult, children to age 15 half price; **Feb. 12,** Amsterdam Express, \$85 adults, children half price. DSN 485-7182 or 06783-6-7182 or go to [www.ammery.com](http://www.ammery.com). 6277 or CIV 0615-169-6277.

**Ramstein (KMC) RTT Destinations Unlimited:** Jan. 30, **Feb. 6, 12, 20 and 27,** Rhine Castles, cruise and wine tasting, \$89; **Feb. 19-20,** Prague and Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic, \$189; **Jan. 29 and Feb. 26,** tour of Cochem Castle and knight's dinner, \$89; **Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 19-20,** Brussels and Brugge, \$169; **Jan. 22,** King Ludwig's castles, \$99; **Feb. 7,** Mainz, Fasching and Rose Monday Parade, \$39; **Feb. 12,** King Ludwig's castles, \$99; **Feb. 19,** Flight tours from Frankfurt: **March 13-20,** Moscow and St. Petersburg, 1049 euros; **April 6-15,** Egypt, 1139 euros; **April 13-16,** Beijing and Xian, China, 1329 euros.

For bus and flight tours, contact DSN 480-6330/489-7064/496-7719, or go to [www.FITTravel.com](http://www.FITTravel.com).

**Spangdahlem Outdoor Recreation:** Jan. 29, hiking and fishing expo trip, \$30 per person, min. age 12 with guardian. Call DSN 452-7170 or CIV 0655-61-7170.

**Spangdahlem Information, Tickets and Travel:** Jan. 22, Cochem Castle and medieval dinner, \$79 per person; **Jan. 28-29,** Carnival Express, \$125 per person; **Jan. 28-29,** London Express, \$115



A metal sculpture of Don Quixote stands behind a windmill in Campo de Criptana, Spain, on Friday, The Miguel de Cervantes novel "Don Quixote," the tale of a mad knight errant and his sidekick, Sancho Panza, celebrated its 400th birthday by kicking off a yearlong party.

adult, \$105 child; **Jan. 29,** Nuremberg and Dachau Concentration Camp, \$79 adult, \$69 child. DSN 452-6587 or CIV 0655-61-6587.

**Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation:** Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, rock climbing trip to Nieder Oim, \$20; **Feb. 14,** ice skating trip to Frankfurt. DSN 337-5760.

**USO Kaiserslautern:** Jan. 22,

Luxemburg city tour and military cemetery, adult \$59, child \$49; **Jan. 22,** Munich and Dachau concentration camp, walking tour of city, \$69; **Jan. 22,** day trip to Paris with city tour, adult \$99, child \$89; **Jan. 22,** Rhine River fortresses, with visits to Marksburg and Ehrenbreitstein, adult \$49, child \$45; **Jan. 23,** day trip to Trier, Germany's antique and flea market, adult \$39,

child \$35; **Jan. 29,** Black Forest cuckoo clock shopping and museum visit, adult \$45, child \$39; **Jan. 29,** Centrio Mall, \$39; **Jan. 29,** Heidelberg castle and city tour, \$35 adult, \$29 child; **Jan. 29,** Bastogne, \$69; **Jan. 29,** Rothenburg, adult \$49, child \$39; **Feb. 3-6,** Carnevale in Venice and sightseeing in Florence, including boat tour, hotel night in Venice and city tour of Florence, \$259 per person double occupancy, \$30 single supplement; **Feb. 12-13,** Valentine's Day in Paris, including hotel night with city tour, dinner and river cruise, \$329 per person double occupancy, \$39 single room supplement; **Feb. 19-20,** overnight tour to Paris for Black History Month, including hotel, river cruise, and buffet breakfast, \$279 per adult double occupancy, \$269 child, \$50 single supplement.



Contact USO at Vogelweh Main Exchange shopping center, DSN 489-6033, CIV 0631-536-6033; Ramstein, DSN 480-6326, CIV 06371-42623; Landstuhl, DSN 486-8240, CIV 06371-63463; Kleber Kaserne, DSN 483-7397, CIV 0631-46237, USO at Pulaski Barracks, DSN 489-7233, CIV 0631-536-7233.

**USO Rhein-Neckar (Darmstadt-Heidelberg-Mannheim):** Jan. 23, Caracalla Therme, Baden-Baden, \$39 includes entry and transport; **Jan. 25,** Weinheim orientation, \$10; **Jan. 26,** shopping in Soufflenheim, France, \$35; **Jan. 29,** Heidelberg orientation, \$10; **Jan. 29,** Centrio Mall, \$39.

Contact USO Darmstadt at DSN 348-7918; USO Heidelberg at DSN 370-7924; and USO Mannheim at DSN 385-3195.

## Italy

**USO Naples:** Jan. 22-23, country weekend with wines of

Calabria and visits to historical sites, 135 euros; **Feb. 5-6,** Treasures of Calabria, with visits to San Giovanni in Fiore and Caccini, 199 euros; **Feb. 11-14,** Valentine's Day in Paris, including airfare, transfers, three nights in central hotel, and guided tours, \$88.00 euros; **Feb. 12-13,** Sweetheart Weekend with overnight in Florence and guided tour, 169 euros (over 18 only); **Feb. 19-20,** Umbria, with visits to Assisi, Perugia and Deruta, 169 euros; **Feb. 26-27,** Tuscany, including visits to Siena and San Gimignano and wine tasting, 169 euros. One-day tours are also offered. Call DSN 626-5713 for details.

**USO Rome:** offers regular tours, including: Roman Holiday, a four-day tour with three nights in a three-star hotel, **Sundays through Wednesdays:** \$439; papal audience, **every Wednesday** (free); Super City Tour, featuring the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps, **two days a week;** Flomavak, a three-hour walking tour, **two times a week;** Vatican City, **six days a week;** the ancient Christian catacombs below Rome and St. Paul's, twice a week; van and walking tour of the Colosseum with a walk-through the Roman Forum, **four days a week;** Rome After Dark, 7 p.m. **Friday and Saturday,** includes dinner, monuments of Rome, **seven days a week;** Ancient Rome, twice a week; Christian Rome catacombs, includes Basilica of St. Mary Major, Basilica of St. John in Lateran, the ancient Appian Way and Colosseum of St. Callistus, **seven days a week;** Illuminated Rome with dinner, **seven days a week;** Illuminated Rome without dinner, **seven days a week;** Naples and Sorrento day trip, includes Capri and Positano, Blue Grotto, Anacapri and lunch in Capri, **every day;** Tivoli day trip, **four times a week;** Rome, Italy (+49) (0) 6-88-4232 for more info. Check the Web site ([www.uso.it](http://www.uso.it)) for prices and times.



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## GERMANY

**BAUMHOLDER OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Feb. 25-27, **March 11-13,** Interlaken, Switzerland, \$125 transport and equipment rental, hotel lodging \$25 a night, lift passes, two days for 72 euros, non-skiers welcome, Gasteln, Aus., \$315; **Jan. 29-30,** Garmisch, Germany, \$195; **Feb. 5 and 19,** Black Forest (Feldberg), \$65 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 10-14,** Aus. ski weekend, Gasteln, \$415 per person. DSN 485-7182.

**GIESSEN OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Feb. 5, Winterberg, Germany, \$55; **Feb. 12-13,** Black Forest (Feldberg), Germany, with one overnight, \$119 adults, \$69 ages 4-11, \$19 ages 3 and under; **Feb. 12-21,** Garmisch, Germany, \$45 adults, \$35 children; **Feb. 26,** Garmisch, Germany, one overnight in new Edelweiss Hotel,

\$139/89/49; **Feb. 26,** Winterberg, Germany, \$59. DSN 343-8202.

**HANAU OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Feb. 24-25 and 28-29, **Black Forest, Germany,** \$109 adults, \$89 children; **Jan. 28-29,** Kaprun, Aus., \$149 adults, \$69 children; **Feb. 6-8,** Hinterzarten, Aus., price TBA; **Feb. 13-16,** Oberammergau, Garmisch, Germany, price TBA. DSN 322-6015 or CIV 06183-516015.

**KAISERSLAUTERN OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 22, express to Garmisch, Germany, \$45 adults, \$35 children; **Jan. 26,** express to Obertsdorf, Germany, \$45 adults, \$35 children; **Jan. 28-30,** weekend to St. Moritz, Switzerland, \$185; **Jan. 29,** express to Jungfrau, Switzerland, \$35 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 4-6,** weekend to Garmisch, Germany, \$179; **Feb. 5,** express to St. Anton, Aus., \$55 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 9,** express to Feldberg, Germany, \$45 adults, \$35 children; **Feb. 11-13,** Laax-Flims, Switzerland, cost TBA; **Feb. 12,** express to Engel-

berg, Switzerland, \$55 adults, \$45 children; **Feb. 18-21,** weekend in Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, \$195; **Feb. 19,** express to Jungfrau, Switzerland, \$55 adults, \$45 children; DSN 489-7751 or civilian 0631-536-7751.

**KATTERBACH OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 29 and Feb. 12, day trip to Garmisch, Germany, \$30 for bus trip and ski rental; **Feb. 18-21,** Aus. weekend ski (BOSS), \$289 including bus, hotel, lift and rentals. DSN 467-3225 or CIV 080-83-3225.

**MANNHEIM OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 29, Feb. 19 and 26, **March 12 and 26 and April 2 and 10,** Engelberg, Switzerland, \$50 plus lift; **Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 12 and 19 and March 5 and 19,** Feldberg, Germany, \$35 plus lift; **Feb. 12,** Single Soldier 2 for 1 special to Feldberg, \$35 plus lift; **Feb. 21,** family trip to Feldberg, \$25 plus lift; **March 19,** teen trip to Feldberg (\$25 plus lift). MOP's ski swap is from **Feb. 1 to April 1.** DSN 381-7215 or 381-7232, civilian

0621-730-7215 or 0621-730-7232; or fax 0621-721653.

**NATO SCHOOL RECREATION CENTRE:** NRC in Oberammergau offers special ski packages in the Garmisch-Bayerische Alpen; **Jan. 22 and 23,** skiing, lessons 28 euros, lift 13 euros; **Jan. 29 and 30,** snowboarder, lessons 28 euros, lift 13 euros; **Feb. 5 and 6,** skiing, lessons 28 euros, lift 13 euros; **Adult (18 and over)** lessons include 1.5 days of beginner instruction. Limited rental equipment available. Call 08822-9481-3102. Web site: [www.natoschool.nato.int](http://www.natoschool.nato.int).

**RAMSTEIN OUTDOOR RECREATION (KMC):** Feldberg, Germany, **Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and 12,** Feldberg, Black Forest, \$60 including lift. DSN 480-5705 or CIV 06371-47-5705.

**SPANGDAHLEM OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Feb. 18-20 and **March 11-13,** Gstaad, Switzerland, \$259 adult, \$244 child plus 10 percent discount for children under 12; **Feb. 11-13, March 11-13,** Black

Forest, Feldberg, Germany, \$275 doubles. DSN 452-7170 or CIV 0655-61-7176.

**STUTTGART OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 23-30, Shornell, Austria, \$209 adults, \$109 children under 17; **Feb. 3,** Feldberg, Germany, \$30 with equipment rental, \$15 without; **Feb. 5, March 12 and 18 and April 2,** St. Gallenkirch, Austria, \$209 adults, \$115 without; **Feb. 18-21,** St. Gallenkirch, Aus., price TBA; **April 10-17,** St. Gallenkirch, Aus., \$590 adults, \$295 children. DSN 451-2774.

**WIESBADEN OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Jan. 29, Feldberg, Black Forest, \$45; **Jan. 22,** Engelberg, Switzerland, \$45; **Jan. 22-23,** Feldberg, \$175; **Feb. 3,** ski maintenance clinic, \$15; **Feb. 5,** Black Forest (Feldberg), \$45; **Feb. 11-14** Ski Aus., \$355; **Feb. 12 and 26,** Engelberg, Switzerland, \$55; **Feb. 12 and 26,** snowboard maintenance clinic, \$15; **Feb. 19-20,** Feldberg, Germany, \$175; DSN 337-5760 (Anderson Barracks) or DSN 334-5818 (Dexheim).



# Calendar

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VIENNA: Engineers' ball, **Jan. 27**; Physicians' ball, **Jan. 29**; Hunters' ball, **Jan. 31**; Opera ball, **Feb. 3**; Viennese coffee house owners' ball, **Feb. 2**; Bonbon ball, **Feb. 4**; Lawyers' ball, **Feb. 5**; Rudolfina masked ball, **Feb. 7**; Johann Strauss ball, **March 19**.  
VIENNA: Dream on Ice, **Jan. 21-March 6**; Ice skating in front of the City Hall.

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BRUSSELS: WALLONIA: Beer 2005, through **2005**.  
BRUSSELS: Antiques show, **Jan. 21-30**; Tour & Taxis.  
STAVELOT: Mid-Lent carnival, **March 6**.  
BINCHE: Carnival, **Feb. 6-8**.

## DENMARK

**www.visitdenmark.com**  
THROUGHOUT the country: Showre tilting at the barrel, **Feb. 6-7**.  
BILLUND: Legend open, **March 19-Oct. 30**.

## ENGLAND

**www.visitbritain.com**  
LONDON: International mime festival, through **Jan. 30**.  
LONDON: Vivaldi, **Jan. 21-23**; French travel and lifestyle show in Olympia.  
LONDON: Vive Espana, **Jan. 28-30**; Spanish travel and lifestyle show in Olympia.  
LONDON: Motorcycle show, **Jan. 29-Feb. 6**; Alexandra Palace.  
LONDON: Daily Telegraph Destinations: Holiday and Travel Show, **Feb. 3-6**; Earls Court.  
YORK: Viking festival, **Feb. 4-20**.  
DONCASTER: Festival of British Railway Models, **Feb. 12-13**.  
LONDON: Chinese New Year celebrations, **Feb. 13**.

## FRANCE

**www.francetourism.com**  
METZ: Fête market, **Feb. 5, 19**.  
DUNKERQUE: Carnival, through **Jan. 26**.  
PARIS: Annual winter store sales, through mid-February.  
SARREGUEMINES (Lorraine): Carnival, **Jan. 23-Feb. 9**.  
PARIS: Prix à porter Paris, **Jan. 28-31**; International fair for women's fashion at Parc des Expositions de Paris.  
NYONS (Rhône-Alpes): New olive oil festival, **Feb. 5-6**.  
PARIS: Chinese New Year celebrations, **Feb. 9**; Place d'Italie.  
MULHOUSE: Carnival, **Feb. 12-13**.  
MENTON: Lemon festival, **Feb.**



Jockeys lead their horses over one of the fences during the Novices' Hurdle at Newbury, England, last week.

**12-27**.  
NICE: Carnival, **Feb. 12-27**.

## GERMANY

**www.germany-tourism.de**

WÜRZBURG: International film festival, **Jan. 20-23**.  
MÜNCHEN: International motorcycle show, **Jan. 21-23**.  
GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN: Special Olympics National Games,

**Jan. 24-28**.  
TODTMOOS (Black Forest): Dog sled races, **Jan. 29-30**.  
SINSHEIM: Motorcycle exhibition, **Feb. 2-13**. Exhibition center.  
BERLIN: International motorcycle show, **Feb. 4-6**. Fairgrounds.  
KÖLN: Carnival parade, **Feb. 7**.  
DÜSSELDORF: Carnival parade, **Feb. 7**.  
MAINZ: Carnival parade, **Feb. 7**.  
BERLIN: International film festival, **Feb. 10-120**.  
BERNAU (Black Forest): Dog sled races, **Feb. 12-13**.  
HERRISCHRIED (Black Forest): Dog sled races, **Feb. 19-20**.

## HUNGARY

**www.hungarytourism.hu**  
MOHACS: Busójari, **Feb. 13-15**.

## Best bets for the week

ENGLAND: Get ready for those adventure vacations at the Daily Telegraph Adventure Travel and Sports Show at London's Olympia tomorrow through the weekend.

More than 250 companies will be there to inform you of this year's hot spots and activities, including trekking, climbing, diving, cycling, white-water rafting, safaris and family adventures. Featured on the program are travel photography, luxury adventures, African adventures, Australia and New Zealand and adventure clothing and equipment. Add to that job shops, volunteer travel and teaching ESL, Fuji meetings that appraise your travel photos, backpack clinic, health and safety information, traveling buddies notice board and professional talks on topics ranging from destinations to terrorist threat.

Try the climbing walls, the full-size hang glider simulator or a guided dive in the show's scuba pool. The show is open all days 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is 10 pounds (about \$20) for adults, 7 pounds for children 5 to 16 years and 34 pounds (about \$65) for a family of two adults and up to three children. The Web site is [www.adventure-show.co.uk](http://www.adventure-show.co.uk).

SPAIN: San Sebastian's gastronomic societies take to the streets starting at midnight Wednesday to bang in the annual La Tamborrada, which continues for 24 hours with only a few breaks. Uniformed drummers and cooks beating barrels meet at the Plaza de la Constitución to begin their march through the town to honor its patron saint. Join in yourself — the locals do on their own instruments.

— JAYNE TRAENDLY

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Carnival.

## ITALY

**www.italiantourism.com**  
VERONA: Christmas cribs in the arena, through **Jan. 25**.  
VIAREGGIO: Carnival, **Jan. 23-Feb. 13**.  
VENICE: Carnival, **Jan. 28-Feb. 8**.

## THE NETHERLANDS

**www.holland.com/uk**  
APELDOORN: Midwinter marathon, **Jan. 29**.  
ROTTERDAM: At Rotterdam, **Feb. 23-28**. Cruise terminal.  
LANEIJK: Carnival, **Feb. 22-26**.  
AMSTERDAM: Hswa, **March 1-6**. Water sports fair.  
AMSTERDAM: AutoRAI, **Feb. 10-20**. International car show.  
BREDA: Antique show, **Feb. 24-27**.

## SCOTLAND

**www.visitscotland.com**  
GLASGOW: Celtic connections, through **Jan. 24**.  
LERWICK: Up hilly, **Jan. 25**.  
THROUGHOUT the country: Burns Night, **Jan. 25**.

## SPAIN

**www.tourspain.co.uk**  
THROUGHOUT the country: Holy Week, **March 20-27**.  
SEVILLE: Spring fair, **April 12-17**.

## SWITZERLAND

**www.switzerlandtourism.ch**  
BASEL: Money fair, **Feb. 11-13**. Coin fair.

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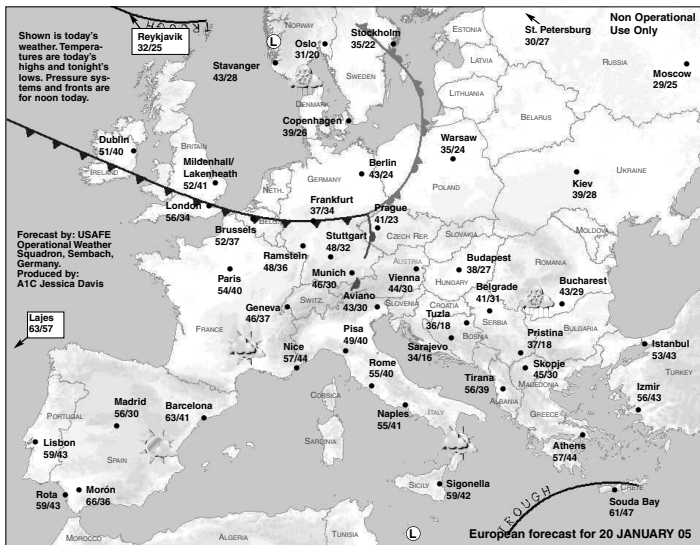
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## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain showers and gusty winds. Highs in the lower to mid-50s. Friday lows in the lower to mid-30s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Cloudy with rain showers and gusty winds. Highs in the lower to mid-50s. Friday lows in the mid-30s to lower 40s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly to mostly cloudy with morning fog. Highs in the mid-50s. Friday lows in the mid to upper teens.

**France:** Northern France will be mostly cloudy with rain showers, and Southern France will be partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s. Friday lows in the lower to mid-40s.

**Northern Germany:** Cloudy with rain, snow, and gusty winds. Highs in the upper 30s to upper 40s. Friday lows in the mid-20s to mid-30s.

**Southern Germany:** Cloudy with rain and snow. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Friday lows in the lower to mid-30s.

**Hungary:** Cloudy with rain and snow mix. Highs in the upper 30s. Friday lows in the upper 20s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s to upper 40s. Friday lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s.

**Southern Italy:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. Friday lows in the lower 40s.

**Kosovo:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Friday lows in the lower teens.

**Norway:** Cloudy with rain, snow, and gusty winds. Highs in the lower 30s to lower 40s. Friday lows in the 20s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-50s to mid-60s. Friday lows in the lower 30s to the lower 40s.

**Turkey:** Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in Southern Turkey. Highs in the lower 50s, and mid-40s to mid-50s inland. Friday lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s.

KEY: Sunny, Partly cloudy, Mostly cloudy, Cloudy, Snow, Rain, Rain/snow, Sleet, Ice, Fog, Low High

## AFRICA

Cape Town	82	65	Mogadishu	88	74
Dakar	78	64	Nairobi	83	56
Freetown	88	72	Rabat	65	43
Harare	81	72	Tripoli	60	47

## THE WORLD

Amsterdam	50	35	Manila	84	73
Bahran	69	49	Mexico City	65	41
Beijing	39	16	Montreal	18	16
Beirut	64	53	Riyadh	69	48
Bermuda	60	61	Rio de Jan.	81	77
Bombay	87	71	Sao Paulo	82	75
Helsinki	61	21	Sofia	38	22
London	68	60	Sydney	85	70
Hong Kong	59	43	Sydney	85	70



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## SUN &amp; MOON

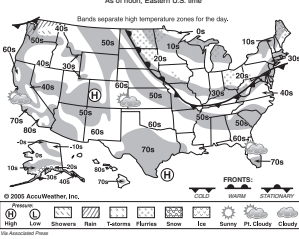
Sunrise (Baghdad)	Today 7:05AM	Tomorrow 7:05AM
Sunrise (Islamabad)	8:15AM	8:13AM
Sunset (Baghdad)	5:24PM	5:22PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	5:00PM	5:02PM

Full moon	23 Jan 05	Last 1/2	New moon	8 Feb 05	Last 1/2	15 Feb 05
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## TODAY'S STATE-SIDE OUTLOOK

Alabama	Hi 70	Lo 40	OKC	Hi 50	Lo 30
Alaska	Hi 60	Lo 30	Colorado	Hi 60	Lo 30
Arizona	Hi 70	Lo 40	Connecticut	Hi 50	Lo 30
Arkansas	Hi 60	Lo 30	Delaware	Hi 50	Lo 30
California	Hi 70	Lo 40	District of Columbia	Hi 50	Lo 30
Colorado	Hi 60	Lo 30	Florida	Hi 70	Lo 40
Connecticut	Hi 50	Lo 30	Georgia	Hi 70	Lo 40
Delaware	Hi 50	Lo 30	Hawaii	Hi 70	Lo 40
District of Columbia	Hi 50	Lo 30	Idaho	Hi 60	Lo 30
Florida	Hi 70	Lo 40	Illinois	Hi 50	Lo 30
Georgia	Hi 70	Lo 40	Indiana	Hi 50	Lo 30
Hawaii	Hi 70	Lo 40	Iowa	Hi 50	Lo 30
Idaho	Hi 60	Lo 30	Kansas	Hi 50	Lo 30
Illinois	Hi 50	Lo 30	Kentucky	Hi 50	Lo 30
Indiana	Hi 50	Lo 30	Louisiana	Hi 70	Lo 40
Iowa	Hi 50	Lo 30	Maine	Hi 50	Lo 30
Kansas	Hi 50	Lo 30	Maryland	Hi 50	Lo 30
Kentucky	Hi 50	Lo 30	Massachusetts	Hi 50	Lo 30
Louisiana	Hi 70	Lo 40	Michigan	Hi 50	Lo 30
Maine	Hi 50	Lo 30	Minnesota	Hi 50	Lo 30
Maryland	Hi 50	Lo 30	Mississippi	Hi 70	Lo 40
Massachusetts	Hi 50	Lo 30	Montana	Hi 50	Lo 30
Michigan	Hi 50	Lo 30	Nebraska	Hi 50	Lo 30
Minnesota	Hi 50	Lo 30	Nevada	Hi 60	Lo 30
Mississippi	Hi 70	Lo 40	New Hampshire	Hi 50	Lo 30
Montana	Hi 50	Lo 30	New Jersey	Hi 50	Lo 30
Nebraska	Hi 50	Lo 30	New Mexico	Hi 60	Lo 30
Nevada	Hi 60	Lo 30	New York	Hi 50	Lo 30
New Hampshire	Hi 50	Lo 30	North Carolina	Hi 50	Lo 30
New Jersey	Hi 50	Lo 30	North Dakota	Hi 50	Lo 30
New Mexico	Hi 60	Lo 30	Ohio	Hi 50	Lo 30
New York	Hi 50	Lo 30	Oklahoma	Hi 50	Lo 30
North Carolina	Hi 50	Lo 30	Oregon	Hi 60	Lo 30
North Dakota	Hi 50	Lo 30	Pennsylvania	Hi 50	Lo 30
Ohio	Hi 50	Lo 30	Rhode Island	Hi 50	Lo 30
Oklahoma	Hi 50	Lo 30	South Carolina	Hi 70	Lo 40
Oregon	Hi 60	Lo 30	South Dakota	Hi 50	Lo 30
Pennsylvania	Hi 50	Lo 30	Tennessee	Hi 70	Lo 40
Rhode Island	Hi 50	Lo 30	Texas	Hi 70	Lo 40
South Carolina	Hi 70	Lo 40	Utah	Hi 60	Lo 30
South Dakota	Hi 50	Lo 30	Vermont	Hi 50	Lo 30
Tennessee	Hi 70	Lo 40	Virginia	Hi 50	Lo 30
Texas	Hi 70	Lo 40	Washington	Hi 60	Lo 30
Utah	Hi 60	Lo 30	West Virginia	Hi 50	Lo 30
Vermont	Hi 50	Lo 30	Wisconsin	Hi 50	Lo 30
Virginia	Hi 50	Lo 30	Wyoming	Hi 50	Lo 30
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## AFRTS Television Schedule

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005

	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00	Stanley X-Ray X-2	Movie "A Family of Cops" (1989, G) Charles Bronson, Daniel Baldwin	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Nightline	College Basketball Charlotte at Cincinnati. (Taped)	30 Minute Meals	Jeopardy!
9:30	Sagea-Siamese Cat			Headline News	Navy/Marine Corps News		Low Carb & Low Fat	Headline News
10:00	Arthur (E)		(3-45) Oprah Winfrey	Headline News	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Griffiths	Headline News
10:30	Reading Rainbow (E)	(4-5) Movie *** "The Player" (1992, Comedy-Drama) Tim Robbins, Greta Scott Smith	(3-45) Guiding Light	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor		Style Star	Pacific Report
11:00	Sagea-Siamese Cat		(1-7) General Hospital	Will & Grace			El News Live	Two and a Half Men
11:30	Stanley	Alman's scathing look at the Hollywood scene	Headline News	Alias "Party"			The King of Queens	Will & Grace
12:00	Dora the Explorer		Judge Judy	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Dead Rings"	60 Minutes	Tennis Australian Open - Early Round - Day 4, From Melbourne, Australia. (Same-day Tape)	Charmed "Awakened"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Dead Rings"
12:30	The Wiggles "Dance-a-Lot"		Headline News	Pacific Report	Fox and Friends		Aly McBeal "Blown in the Wind"	Pacific Report
13:00	Bob the Builder	Movie *** "Rocket Gibraltar" (1989, B) Lancaster, Suzie Krus. A writer receives lively visitors on his 77th birthday.	Today Radio Mads	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Fox and Friends		Any Day Now "Salamanca's"	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	Late Show With David Letterman	American Morning		Third Watch "Journey to the Venetians"	Late Show With David Letterman
14:00	Blue's Clues (E)		Headline News	Access Hollywood	CNN Live Today		Law & Order "Blood"	Access Hollywood
14:30	Barny & Friends (E)		Headline News	The Late Late Show			The Late Late Show	The Late Late Show
15:00	Furthest Home Videos	(2-54) Movie *** "Back to the Future" (1985, Fantasy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Crispin Glover	AAAH! Real Monsters	Headline News			The Simpsons	Everybody Loves Raymond
15:30	Full House "Long Goodbye"		Sabrina, the Animated Series	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
16:00	Pokemon "Hidde Me This"		Nick News Special Edition	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
16:30	It's G-Rd! (Part 2 of 2)		Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
17:00	Doug (E)		Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
17:30	The Wild Thornberry		Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
18:00	The Fairly OddParents	Ebert-Movies	Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
18:30	Rugrats	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
19:00	That's So Raven	Movie *** "Finding Forrester" (2000) Sean Connery	Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
19:30	All That	A reclusive writer returns to a Bronx youth's gift for words.	Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
20:00	7th Heaven "Dick"		Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
20:30			Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
21:00	Sagea, the Teenage Witch	(1-5) Movie *** "Wild Things" (1998, Drama) Robert De Niro, Dennis Quaid. Two high-school teens conspire against a faculty member.	Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
22:00	The Cosby Show		Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
22:30	Home Improvement		Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
23:00	Touched by an Angel "An Angel on the Roof"	Movie *** "Cliffhanger" (1993) Sylvester Stallone	Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
23:30			Headline News	Headline News			Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2005								
00:00	AAAH! Real Monsters	(11-50) Movie *** "Cliffhanger" (1993) John Lynch	Late Show-Letterman	Play With Me Sesame	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	Play With Me Sesame
00:30	Rocket Power		Access Hollywood	Bear in the Big Blue House	NBC Nightly News		Bear in the Big Blue House	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	(5-2) Movie *** "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" (1989, Comedy) A teenage boy gets porters to a brass young pitcher.	College Basketball Iowa at (E) (Live)	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	ABC World News Tonight	NFL Live	American Idol Performers audition in front of judges.	Wheel of Fortune
1:30	Rugrats			Wheel of Fortune	CSI Evening News	NBA Action	American Idol	Dr. Phil
2:00	That's So Raven			Dr. Phil	Newsweek Weekend With Jim Lehrer	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Orlando Magic	American Idol	
2:30	All That			Oprah Winfrey	Hannity & Colmes	From the 102 Watershouse Center in Orlando, Fla. (Live)	Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
3:00	7th Heaven "Dick"	Movie *** "Finding Forrester" (2000) Sean Connery. A reclusive writer returns to a Bronx youth's gift for words.	College Basketball Marquette at DePaul. (Live)	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
3:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch			NBC Nightly News	Nightly Business Report		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
4:00	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch			Access Hollywood	Nightly Business Report		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
5:00	Sesame Street (E)	(1-5) Movie *** "Wild Things" (1998) Kevin Bacon. Two high-school teens conspire against a faculty member.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
5:30	Barny & Friends (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
6:00	Blue's Clues "Post party."		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
6:30	Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
7:00	Bob the Builder		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
7:30	The Wiggles	Ebert-Movies	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
8:00	Dora the Explorer	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
8:30	Stanley	Movie "Brace of Faith: Family of Cops II" (1997, Drama) Charles Bronson, Joe Perny, Daniel Ladd	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
9:00	Sagea-Siamese Cat		(8-46) Oprah Winfrey	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
9:30	Reading Rainbow (E)		(3-45) Guiding Light	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
10:00	Sagea-Siamese Cat	(10-48) Movie *** "Cool World's Daughter" (1990, Biography) Spike Spack, Tommy Lee Jones, Lennox Lewis	(1-7) General Hospital	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
10:30	Stanley		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
11:00	Dora the Explorer		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
11:30	The Wiggles "Mama's"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
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13:00	Blue's Clues		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
14:00	Barny & Friends A picnic.		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
15:00	Furthest Home Videos	(2-55) Movie *** "The Deep End of the Ocean" (1999, Crime) Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams, Whoopi Goldberg.	Teacher's Pet (E)	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
15:30	Full House "Road to Tokyo"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
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18:30	Rugrats		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
19:00	All Grown Up		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
19:30	Dave the Barbarian		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
20:00	Danny Phantom		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
20:30	Drake & Josh "Football"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
21:00	That's So Raven	(8-54) Movie *** "Shanghai Noon" (2000) Jack Chan, A. Crystal, Jason Lee. A Chinese guard arrives in 1880 Nevada to rescue a princess.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
21:30	Sagea, the Teenage Witch		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
22:00	Switched		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
22:30	The Cosby Show		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey
23:00	Home Improvement		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ultimate True House	Oprah Winfrey

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# Fueled up and running

Slowly but surely, New Zealand's Datsuns travel road to success

BY CHUCK MYERS

Kirt Ridder Newspapers

The Datsuns understand the value of patience.

The New Zealand rock quartet (bassist/vocalist Dolf de Borst, guitarist Phil Buscke, guitarist Christian Livingstone and drummer Matt Osment) has made slow but steady strides over roughly the past 10 years.

With a reputation for its frenetic, high-powered stage shows, the band began to gain a full head of steam in the past two years on the strength of positive reviews, particularly in the British press, for its self-titled debut album in 2003 and solid sophomore effort, "Outta Sight/Outta Mind" (V2 Records), in 2004.

"On the first record, everything's pretty much foot to the floor," recalled de Borst. "It kind of felt like a singles collection or something like that. Because, in a way, we were doing that. ... But with the second record, there's definitely songs we recorded for that. I think we recorded 14 songs and ended up leaving a couple off, which, I think, actually are amazing songs."

While contemporaries such as The Strokes and The Vines sum-

bled with releases last year, The Datsuns continued to make strides forward. "Outta Sight/Outta Mind" serves up the group's signature music punch infused with musical influences ranging from hard rock and punk to '70s-era glam rock. De Borst noted, for instance, that the group went for a glam edge on the "Outta Sight/Outta Mind." Another tune, the thumping "Messing Around," likewise offers a touch of glam, accented by a decided ZZ Top-Texas style bite.

A bit of good fortune shined on The Datsuns as it prepared to work on "Outta Sight/Outta Mind." John Paul Jones, bassist and keyboardist for legendary rock band Led Zeppelin, caught one of the band's shows and offered to assist with producing "Outta Sight/Outta Mind," which The Datsuns accepted gladly.

Jones applied a subtle touch to the album, leaving no hint of an overt Zeppelin footprint on it. If there's aggressive Zeppelin-like thrust to be found anywhere, it is the final track, "I Got No Words." Buscke explained, however, that the song actually derived from a riff the group had toyed with for some time.

"It was kind of like a riff that



Drummer Matt Osment and bassist Dolf de Borst of the rock band The Datsuns let the rhythms rip during a concert in Washington, D.C., in December.

we had around for a long time, and we didn't really know what to do with. We used to just jam with that riff at sound checks and stuff like that."

Originally called Trinket, the group changed its name to The Datsuns after it won a "battle of the bands" competition in New Zealand in 1997. Each band member soon adopted a Datsun surname, as a way to distinguish themselves from players in other bands with similar names. In 2004, The Datsuns relocated to London to be closer to the music world pulse.

While the band's albums show its musical growth and have enjoyed positive feedback, the group feels more at home on the stage than in the studio.

"I think we've always been a band that comes from performing and playing live to people," observed De Borst.

"And we're kind of making the transition to being both, making it 50-50, which I'll never be comfortable with, because I always kind of believe that performance is the most sort of honest way to playing music and getting it across to people."

Yet the frontman also added that there's still plenty of room for the growth in the studio—but at a deliberate pace set by the group.

"We're still kind of looking to make a record that really defines us, and puts our foot down as not just as really good performers, but as songwriters. ... We've only made two records the whole time we've been together. And usually bands don't even last as long as we have. I think making the next record we'll take a lot more time."

## Chefs to cook up fun

Now that celebrity chefs Todd English and Ming Tsai are launching their own reality TV show, they feel free to criticize another one.

Neither liked the NBC show "The Restaurant," which featured celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito, they said, because it took the fun out of their business.

"A lot of chefs were a little bit miffed because it really portrayed the restaurant business as a negative place to be, which it's not," Tsai said this past weekend. "I mean, the buzz that we get as chefs is like the sports high when you run a marathon."

Their upcoming PBS series "Cooking Under Fire" is a competition that goes to several cities to find someone who could be a cook at a top restaurant—a restaurant, they hope, that's a lot more fun than "The Restaurant."

"It was an attack on our business in a way that I think ... took it down the wrong path," English said. "For some reason, they thought that it would be good TV. I think most people saw through it, and that's why it's not on anymore."

## Film rolling without Dylan

Martin Scorsese has been working on a film about Bob Dylan for two years and has been so impatient to finish he hasn't spoken to about it, Bob Dylan.

"I don't like to deal with the man directly," Scorsese told television critics this



Scorsese

Dylan

weekend. "I'd like to create the story, to find the story, first of all, and then play it out the way I think it's right."

The film concentrates on Dylan's early performing years from 1961 to 1966 and will run this summer as part of the PBS "American Masters" series. Scorsese directed "The Last Waltz," chronicling the final performance of former Dylan backup The Band.

Scorsese has access to 10 hours of fresh Dylan interviews conducted by the singer's manager, and said he may eventually ask Dylan a few questions.

Even then, he can never be quite sure if the always inscrutable Dylan is being up-front or not.

"I'm trying to make as honest a film as possible" without unnecessary restrictions," he said. "But I think for me, of course, I'm on his side, so I might come out in terms of a pro-Dylan."

## Arts project sputtering

Larry Thompson, whose celebrity clients have included William Shatner and Drew Barrymore, says he'd be willing to help revive a stalled arts project once envisioned as a racially unifying force in the community.

The Larry Thompson Center for Fine Arts, in Clarksdale, Miss., was to have brought blacks and whites together to participate in and enjoy Broadway-caliber productions. But nearly 19 years after the ambitious project began, the building remains in serious need of interior and exterior renovation and serious electrical and air conditioning work, said Mississippi Delta Arts Council board member Marvin Carraway.

"We are working on a process where we are looking for some grant funds to finish renovations," Carraway said.

Its namesake and one-time benefactor, now living in Beverly Hills, left the Delta after graduating with a law degree from the University of Mississippi. Though he hasn't seen the center in several years, he said he's aware the building is not what he had envisioned it to be.

"I have always maintained that I'd be willing to continue to support it if the local community continued to support it, but I don't really have a contact down there to really talk to, nor do I know what they're really doing," Thompson told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

The honor of having the building named after him spurred Thompson to host a

star-studded fund-raiser in 1986, featuring author Alex Haley and actress Donna Mills. But Mayor Henry Espy said the project simply fizzled out.

Thompson said he's still willing to help get the project up and running.

"My name is on it and I would always be willing to help, but it would have to be something that the local community felt that they wanted and would support also," Thompson said.

## Blair tea draws \$20K bid

Prime Minister Tony Blair might high-profile pop stars and British royalty Monday in a radio broadcast to benefit tsunami victims.

Some 270 British radio stations broadcast the 12-hour special, raising more than \$5.6 million.

Blair offered for auction a tour of Downing Street and time to join him for a cup of tea.

Bids for the experience reached more than \$20,573.

An estimated 26 million people tuned into the broadcast, which featured a live performance by pop star Ronan Keating and talk segments with R&B artist Janelle, Oasis frontman Liam Gallagher and Ozzy Osbourne's wife, Sharon.

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## Ugly-duckling choice for Page 1

Sunday, Jan. 16, must have been a slow news day since the article "Soldier to 'Swan'" was on the cover. As the father of two young daughters, I cannot believe Stars and Stripes would hold up Capt. DeLisa Stiles in a favorable way. This Fox makeover show not only denigrates women, it glorifies some of the least favorable characteristics of our society.

Capt. Stiles, a psychologist, could only find fulfillment in her life through plastic surgery and professional cosmetics? She took the time to go on this show, admitting her marriage was not doing well, taking her away from her husband for four months already being away for a year. Stars treats the fact that she overcame the emotional struggle of being served divorce papers as a badge of honor. She has a right to choose the show over her marriage, but let's not applaud her for it.

This cover story, which also took up an entire page inside (Page 4 in the Europe edition, Page 7 in the Mideast edition), sends the message to all women that, through putting yourself first, plastic surgery and lots of cosmetics, you will be happy.

I am blessed to know many wonderful women who would not be picked to model for Victoria's Secret. They understand that being a woman is a very little to do with how you look. It has everything to do with the choices you make and what you stand for.

So the next time Stars wishes to praise a woman in our military, it should please pick one of the many competent professionals who care about their families. They may or may not be beautiful by society's standards, but are very beautiful to those around them.

Maj. Jim Lawson

Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

## The real story on columnist

I am writing in response to the Jan. 12 column "No one should warn to idea that SUVs are to blame" in which the writer, James K. Glassman, presents his views on the subject of global warming.

He uses statements from a fringe environmental group that suggested the tsunami was related to global warming to belittle environmentalists and dismiss the findings of researchers and scientists on this important topic. He cites the fact that these statements appeared in mainstream newspapers to bolster his argument that the entire issue is nonsense. But a closer look reveals the column for what it is, a piece of political propaganda. Here's the rest of the story.

■ James Glassman is a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a neoconservative think tank dedicated to advancing and protecting the interests of big business.

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■ In making reference to an article in the Chicago Tribune, Glassman fails to point out that the article actually condemns the statements made by Friends of the Earth, and does not, as he suggests, support its position.

■ Even the Bush administration has finally come around to admitting that global warming is "a real phenomenon" to which "human activity" is a contributing factor.

■ Typical sources of greenhouse gases also produce substances that contribute to acid rain and ozone depletion. They also release particulates and hydrocarbons that cause health problems.

Glassman correctly states that "the tsunami offers an irresistible opportunity for exploitation," and then uses the disaster to further his own nefarious agenda.

Yes, the editorial section is a place for opinions, but it is only fair for people representing special-interest groups to disclose this information to unwitting readers.

Ed Gravin

Heidelberg, Germany

## Learn About Social Security

Hopefully most readers are aware that the Republican Party has just begun the legislative process to restructure our American Social Security system.

The most recent development is to make a law that will allow benefits to be calculated on the basis of the inflation rate rather than the existing plan, which calculates benefits at the increase-of-wages rate. This whole process is going to get very complicated and many Americans will either not hear about proposed changes or will give up trying to understand what those proposed changes will mean in their lives because they will be presented in terms that are not going to be easily understood.

If you expect to receive Social Security benefits at any time in your life, please

be sure to read from as many sources as possible what changes are being proposed. If you are a Republican, don't be satisfied with the news reports that come from conservative sources. If you are a Democrat, don't think that anything the Congress comes up with will spell your financial doom down the road.

Look at sources from both sides. Ask questions of those sources and of your own legislators. Don't settle for less than answers that you can understand. Take a stand for your own future. You have the constitutionally guaranteed right to ask questions of your representatives, your senators and your president. You have the right to be involved in the process that will change what will happen to your Social Security benefits.

The Republican Congress is going to start airing a lot of pro-Social-Security-system-change advertising. Pay attention to the facts. Ask questions. Expect clear, concise and understandable answers. Insist that the democratic process be nonpartisan as it affects Social Security. It's what we're all fighting for.

Brenda Barbour

Kaiserslautern, Germany

## 'Quotas' hurt Bronze Stars

I am a citizen-soldier redeploying home.

I was activated and volunteered in 2002. I deployed to Iraq in spring 2003; again in spring 2004. Now I have 17 months in the combat zone and it's 2005.

During my time here I've organized a humanitarian relief drive for Iraqi children, been noted by a two-star general for saving lives in Basra, been shot at, mortared, medically evacuated, almost killed by a roadside bomb and, like most of us, have seen enough suffering, dead and wounded.

I've earned my right to go home. What I haven't earned is a Bronze Star medal. That's not a complaint. I've done my job and then some, and am proud of it. Our flight crews, foot soldiers, sacrificed, wounded and convoyers should get them, not me.

What should never have happened is that in my current unit about 45 nominations for Bronze Stars were generated simply because we're a "top-heavy" combat support group unit and the medal is a good "reward" or career boost. Nearly 30 were awarded — mostly to officers. Only about seven went to enlisted and even fewer to gun truck operators/gunners who put their lives on the line almost daily.

Just because there's an "allowed quota" doesn't mean we should dishonor such a medal of distinction.

They say superfluous medal awards was a problem in the Persian Gulf War. I don't remember it that way. Back then, we had one recipient in my front-line unit of 110. I remember he earned it.

Staff Sgt. Dana K. Beausoleil

Camp Victory, Kuwait

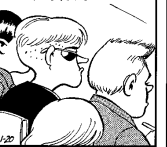
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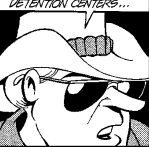
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## OPINION

## Harry wears the painful past on his sleeve

BY ANDRES GUMBEL

It has been a while since the word "Nazi" was associated with a member of the British royal family. But obviously it has not been long enough. Last Thursday, London's best-selling newspaper, the Sun, splashed a photograph of 20-year-old Prince Harry at a costume party wearing the uniform of Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps, complete with swastika armband, and the whole of Britain went berserk.

"Complete idiot" was the epithet bandied about by one anti-fascist group, and nobody seemed to think it remotely inappropriate. The president of Britain's Holocaust Trust went even further, calling the prince's actions "stupid and evil." The Sun's headline was "Harry the Nazi."

A former armed forces minister suggested that Harry, who is third in line to the throne, was now unfit to enter Sandhurst, Britain's elite officer training school, where he is due to start later this year. And the former commander of British forces in Bosnia, Col. Bob Stewart, said that if one of his men had gone to a party dressed as a Nazi he would have put him in toilet-cleaning duty for two weeks.

It's hardly news that a British royal has made a prize twit of himself. That seems to be the House of Windsor's lot. But this is in a whole different category. Even a 20-year-old (and particularly one in line to the throne) should know that the world is still colossally and understandably sensitive about the Nazis and their monstrous crimes.

After all, the Third Reich came close to ripping apart the fabric of the British monarchy in the 1930s and posed a unique threat to a divided establishment. Had history

jogged just a few degrees one way or the other, Britain could have found itself either allied with Adolf Hitler or overrun by his *Wehrmacht* and turned into a fascist state.

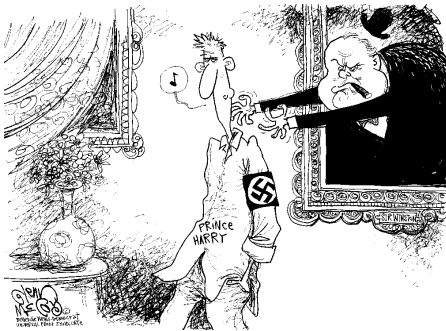
Nobody represented the flirtation with totalitarianism more than Harry's great-grand-uncle, Edward VIII, the ultimate black sheep of the family, who openly sympathized with the Nazis and might have pushed Britain into an anti-Stalinist alliance with Hitler had it not been for his insistence on marrying the American divorcee — and equally ardent Nazi apologist — Wallis Simpson, an insistence that precipitated his abdication in 1936.

For a long time, conventional wisdom had it that the objection to Simpson was religious and moral: that there was no tolerance of divorce in Anglican belief, which Edward, as monarch, was bound to uphold.

Recently released official papers have shown, however, that the establishment was greatly exercised by Simpson's fondness for the Nazis (she was believed to have been Joachim von Ribbentrop's lover when he was ambassador to London), even more vexed about Edward's openly pro-Nazi leanings and anxious to see him stripped of the crown if at all possible. The divorce must have seemed providential.

The reverberations from the abdication crisis are still palpable among today's royals. Three of Prince Philip's sons married Nazi sympathizers, and the Windsors who succeeded Edward VIII — his brother, George VI, and George's daughter, Elizabeth II — had to live it out, even after the Third Reich's demise.

Edward himself continued to be a severe embarrassment, dining in Germany with Hitler and Rudolph Hess in 1937 and very



possibly (the record is ambiguous) plotting with the Nazis to return to the throne in the event of a successful invasion of Britain.

This is the history that Harry just brought roaring back to life.

The costume party, held at the mansion of the Olympic show jumper Richard Meade, was on a "native and colonial" theme, so, to add insult to injury, Harry's costume revived unpleasant parallels between the Nazi take for bloodthirsty imperial adventure and Britain's own leanings in that direction — like using poison gas on the Kurds, shooting independence protesters in India and so

on. Britain has long since repented of its imperial sins, but nostalgia still abounds in certain upper-class circles.

Harry has been a mild cause for concern before — accused by his art teacher at school of cheating on his A-level exams, caught in a bust-up with a photographer outside a London club. With a reputation as a tearaway, he has spent part of his year before Sandhurst working as a ranch hand in Australia. His father and grandmother must be regretting he didn't stay longer.

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## Four more years — closer to what 2020 will bring

WASHINGTON

Four more years ago when the newly inaugurated President Bush called on his fellow Americans to "show courage in a time of blessing," he could not imagine the horrors of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or the demands of war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

David Broder

On this day of his second inaugural, the only certainty is that the next four years will present challenges as large and unexpected as those of the past.

Supporters and critics can agree that the nation is fortunate that its leader is a man prepared to cope with radically changed circumstances, a person of fixed principles but not one wedded to policies of the past.

In his first term, when many supposed that the clouded circumstances of his election would force Bush into a cautious, minimalist approach to governing, he boldly set out to recast many fundamental institutions and doctrines. At home, he engineered sweeping changes in the scale and distribution of taxes, redefined the relationship of the federal government to local schools, and sponsored the largest expansion ever of Medicare. Policies for the environment, regulation of business, law enforcement and a dozen other fields were turned around.

Abroad, the changes were even more dramatic as Bush cast aside the doctrine of containment for one of pre-emptive action — applied unilaterally and controversially — to Iraq. He encouraged an overhaul of the armed forces and he launched a style of di-

plomacy that rattled the teeth of many traditional allies.

Now, armed with a second and larger victory at the polls, his domestic agenda includes changing the Social Security system, reforming energy and immigration policies, reducing the number and scale of civil demand suits, simplifying the tax system and further changing public education.

Ambitious as this seems, the likelihood is that the world stage will demand more from Bush — and provide the sternest tests of his adaptability. Iraq is a bleeding wound on his presidency, a war that growing majorities of Americans have joined the rest of the world in judging a mistake. The future of Iraq is less and less in America's hands.

A sketch of what else lies ahead can be found in "Mapping the Global Future," a 120-page forecast of world affairs in the next

15 years, published last week by the National Intelligence Council, the CIA think tank.

"The international order," it says, "is in the midst of profound change: at no time since the formation of the Western alliance system in 1949 have the shape and nature of international alignments been in such a state of flux as they have during the past decade. As a result, the world of 2020 will differ markedly from the world of 2004, and in the intervening years the United States will face major international challenges that differ significantly from those we face today. The very magnitude and speed of change resulting from a globalizing world — regardless of its precise character — will be a defining feature of the world out to 2020."

One of the likely developments is the emergence of China, India and perhaps Indonesia as major economic and political pow-

ers, while Japan, Western Europe and Russia cope with the challenges of rapidly aging populations. The rise of Asian powers likely will be abetted by globalization — the rapid spread of technology — and pose a challenge to America's economy.

The hopeful trend of democratization will likely confront opposition in ethnic and identity politics, especially the transnational force of Islamic extremism, and contribute to a "pervasive sense of insecurity." ... "The United States increasingly will have to battle world public opinion, which has dramatically shifted since the end of the Cold War," the report says. At another point, it adds, "In the future, growing distrust could prompt governments to take a more hostile approach."

Bush has his work cut out for him.

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## Mallard Fillmore

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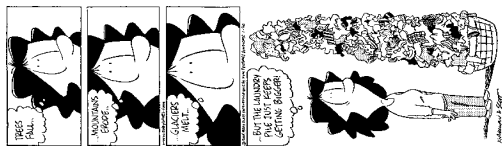
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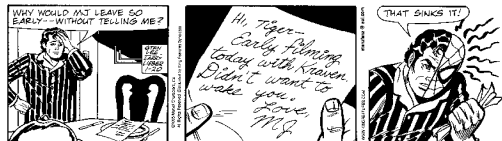
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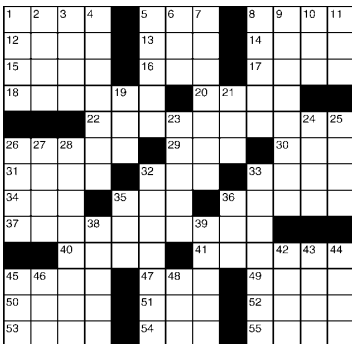
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Recruits' repast
- 5 Drill insert
- 8 Competent
- 12 Touch
- 13 Camel droppings?
- 14 Cat call
- 15 Moving man?
- 16 Mister Sebastian
- 17 Differently
- 18 Deep blue
- 20 Pealed
- 21 Pretentious official
- 26 They ain't worth a nickel
- 29 DHL rival
- 30 Santa —, Calif.
- 31 Piccadilly statue
- 32 Actress Irving
- 33 Mine entrance
- 34 Flightless bird
- 35 Clothing protector
- 36 Helps hoods
- 37 Old-style trousers
- 40 Semester
- 41 Proof of membership, maybe
- 45 Big con
- 46 Blueprint addition
- 49 Margarine
- 50 Met melody
- 51 Born
- 52 Yuletide refrain
- 53 Change for a C-note
- 54 Pitch
- 55 Farmer's home?

## Down

- 1 Amahl's night visitors
- 2 Black, in verse
- 3 Sought restitution
- 4 Bill Murray movie
- 5 Strips in the kitchen?
- 6 Seeking, in the personals (Abbr.)
- 7 Counseling
- 8 Make corrections
- 9 Capital of Serbia
- 10 — Lonely Boys
- 11 Lamb's dam
- 12 Petrol
- 19 Respond (Abbr.)
- 23 Type of shrimp
- 24 Troop group
- 25 Wilander of tennis
- 26 Profound
- 27 "My Friend —"
- 28 Between Pacific and Central
- 32 Physical woe
- 33 Run off
- 35 Tavern
- 36 Moreover
- 38 Rangers' place
- 39 Prudhoe Bay vessel
- 42 Lotion additive
- 43 Stagger
- 44 Gussy (up)
- 45 Part of an Uncle Sam costume
- 46 Raw rock
- 48 Meadow

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 1-20

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U ENHDQ KUDI US VNA

XDD US L ENASP.  
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# Hopkins to defend WBC title against Eastman

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Undisputed middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins will defend his WBC title against Howard Eastman on Feb. 19 at Staples Center.

The once-beaten Eastman, who was born in Guyana and now lives in England, is the WBC's second-ranked contender behind Felix Trinidad.

Hopkins, who turned 40 on Saturday, is coming off a ninth-round knockout of Oscar De La Hoya on Sept. 18 in Las Vegas, Hopkins' 19th successful title defense.

De La Hoya, who has been steadily expanding his role in the sport, is promoting the Hopkins-Eastman bout.

Hopkins, from Philadelphia, is 45-2-1 with 32 knockouts. He hasn't lost in more than a decade, since Roy Jones took an unanimous decision in 1993.

Hopkins' only other loss came in his first pro bout, a four-round majority decision defeat by Clinton Milledge in 1988.

The 34-year-old Eastman is 40-1 and has 34 knockouts. His only loss was a 12-round majority decision to William Joppy for the vacant WBA middleweight crown on Nov.

## Sports briefs

17, 2001 in Las Vegas.

Two years later, Hopkins faced Joppy and won an unanimous 12-round decision.

Eastman has stayed busy, fighting eight times in the past two years and stopping six of those foes, including a ninth-round knockout of former world champion Hassine Criqui in 2003.

## Robbins charged with attempted murder

MIAMI — Former Oakland Raiders center Barret Robbins was charged Wednesday with three counts of attempted felony murder, less than a week after being shot during a struggle with a detective investigating a burglary call.

Robbins, a former Pro Bowler, was wounded Saturday night after Miami Beach police found him inside an administrative office at a building housing a nightclub, gym and jewelry store.

A charge of attempted felony murder can be filed when someone is injured during a felony. It carries a possible 30-year prison sentence.

Arrest warrant was set for Feb. 9.

Police said the 31-year-old Robbins was confronted by Detective Mike Muley. Police said they struggled over Muley's gun before the detective shot Robbins, who lives in Oakland. Robbins was critically injured. Muley received hospital treatment for minor head injuries.

## Jury awards \$60M to family of girl paralyzed by drunken football fan

HACKENSACK, N.J. — A jury awarded \$60 million Tuesday to the family of a girl paralyzed in a car wreck caused by a drunken football fan.

Ronald and Fazila Vemi were headed home from a pumpkin-picking trip in 1999 when their 2-year-old daughter, Antonia, when their car was hit by a truck driven by Daniel Lanzaro, 34. Antonia was paralyzed from the neck down.

Lanzaro, whose blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit, is serving a five-year prison term for vehicular assault.

The family sued Aramark, the Giants Stadium concessionaire, claiming vendors sold beers to Lanzaro even though he was clearly drunk and that Aramark fostered an atmosphere in which intoxicated pa-

trons were served.

The NFL forbids beer sales after the third quarter; the Giants shut down beer vendors after halftime. The stadium also mandates that fans can only buy two beers at a time — a rule Lanzaro sidestepped by tipping the vendor \$10, allowing him to buy six beers.

## Big Ten acknowledges officiating error

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Big Ten has admitted an officiating error that could have cost Indiana a game it won in double overtime at Purdue last weekend.

Purdue's Carl Landry scored and was fouled with less than a second left in the first overtime on Saturday, but he then missed a free throw that would have won the game for the Boilermakers.

"While the foul was correctly called before time expired, the conference office's weekly review process showed that the ball was still in the hand of the Purdue shooter at the expiration of the game clock," the Big Ten said in a statement.

Should the NCAA rules, the field goal should not have been counted and Landry should have been awarded two free throws, the Big Ten said.

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## SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 44

## College hockey

## Tuesday's scores

**EAST**  
 Canisius 3, Mercyhurst 2  
 Connecticut 5, Sacred Heart 3  
 Geneseo St. 4, Elmira 1  
 Quinnipiac 4, Buffalo St. 1  
 Mass.-Lowell 6, Brown 4  
 Mass.-Dartmouth 4, Mass.-Boston 2  
 New England Coll. 5, Curry 3  
 Nichols 4, Framingham St. 1  
 Oswego St. 4, Hamilton 0  
 Salve Regina 6, Assumption 5, OT  
 UConn 1, Portland St. 1  
 UMass 4, Middlebury 2

**MIDWEST**  
 Michigan Tech 6, Notre Dame 2

## Deals

## Tuesday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**ANAHEIM ANGELS**—Agreed to terms with C Jose Molina, RHP Scott Shields and RHP Jarrod Washburn on one-year contracts.  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES**—Agreed to terms with 2B Jerry Hairston Jr., RHP Rodrigo Lopez, LHP B.J. Ryan and OF Luis Matos on one-year contracts, and OF Mark Trachsel on a one-year contract.  
**BOSTON RED SOX**—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Lincecum and 2B Mark Bellhorn on one-year contracts.  
**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Vizcaino on a one-year contract.  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Javy Cortez on a one-year contract and RHP David Riske on a one-year contract.  
**DETROIT TIGERS**—Agreed to terms with OF Mark Trachsel on a one-year contract.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Octavio Dotel on a one-year contract.  
**SEATTLE MARINERS**—Agreed to terms with LHP Ron Villone on a two-year contract.  
**TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS**—Agreed to terms with C Kevin Cash, LHP Jon Switzer and RHP Ryan Kline on one-year contracts.  
**TEXAS RANGERS**—Agreed to terms with C Pete LaPorte for assignment.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Brandon Lyon on a one-year contract.  
**CHICAGO CUBS**—Agreed to terms with C Ryan Sweeney and OF Corey Patterson on one-year contracts.  
**COLORADO ROCKIES**—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Jennings of a two-year contract and LHP Joe Kennedy on a one-year contract.  
**DALLAS MARLINS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Beckett on a one-year contract.  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Eric Gagne on a two-year contract.  
**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Roberto Hernandez on a minor league contract.  
**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES**—Agreed to terms with RHP Pedro Martinez on a two-year contract and RHP Vicente Padilla on a one-year contract.  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Larkin on a one-year contract.  
**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Marquis on a one-year contract.  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Lincecum on a one-year contract.  
**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Lincecum on a one-year contract.  
**NEW YORK METS**—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Lincecum on a one-year contract.

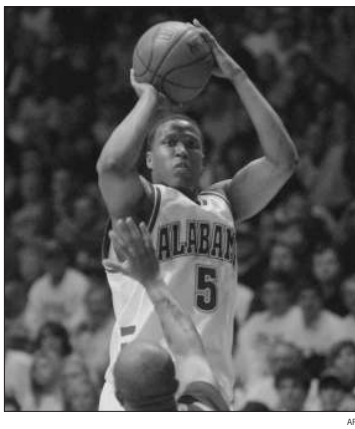
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**CLEVELAND CAVALIERS**—Placed G Maurice Taylor on injured reserve. Dajuan Wagner was injured in a game. Dajuan Wagner was injured in a game. Dajuan Wagner was injured in a game.  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**—Placed G Maurice Taylor on injured reserve. Dajuan Wagner was injured in a game. Dajuan Wagner was injured in a game.  
**ORLANDO MAGIC**—Placed C Marko Jarić on injured reserve. Dajuan Wagner was injured in a game. Dajuan Wagner was injured in a game.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**—Signed TE Aaron Rodgers to a one-year contract.  
**BALTIMORE RAIDERS**—Named Jim Fassel of the Raiders as head coach. Fassel was the head coach of the Raiders from 1999 to 2001.  
**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Re-signed RB Tom Brady to a one-year contract. Brady was the MVP of the AFC in 2003.

**COLLEGE**  
**BINGHAMTON**—Named Tony Robie wrestling coach.  
**CLEVELAND STATE**—Announced sophomore men's basketball coach Jim Nankowski from the practice squad.  
**DUKE**—Named Amy Farber-Kislow women's volleyball coach.

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Alabama guard Earnest Shelton scored a career-high 34 points in the Crimson Tide's 98-49 victory over Mississippi State on Tuesday night.

## No. 22 Alabama rises No. 17 Mississippi St.

The Associated Press

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — Earnest Shelton scored a career-high 34 points and Alabama held Mississippi State without a field goal for nearly 15 minutes of the first half in a 98-49 victory Tuesday night.

The No. 22 Crimson Tide (14-3, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) allowed just three field goals in the first half for a 49-18 lead, shutting down the Bulldogs' backcourt and denying star Lawrence Roberts uncontested shots at the basket.

It didn't get any better after that for No. 17 Mississippi State (15-4, 3-2), which matched its second-worst loss, a 113-64 defeat at Louisville on Dec. 8, 1954. The game was supposed to be a battle for early control of the SEC West, but it ended up looking more like a nonconference mismatch.

The Bulldogs trailed 9-8 early but went 14-33 without a field goal before Roberts banked one in with 1:04 left in the first half. They shot 3-for-20 in the half. Mississippi State, which fell to 1-2 since second-leading scorer Winston (24 points) or Ronald Steele (44 points).

Without him, the Bulldogs had no answer for Shelton. Kennedy Winston (24 points) or Ronald Steele (44 points).

**No. 18 Oklahoma 70, Texas A&M 54** At College Station, Texas, Drew Lawrence scored a season-high 23 points and the Sooners snapped the Aggies' 11-game home winning streak. The Sooners (14-2, 3-0 Big 12) have won eight straight of 12 of 13.

### Men's Top 25 Roundup

Lawrence McKenzie sparked Oklahoma's game-clinking 13-1 run with consecutive threes and Lavender finished it by scoring seven straight points to help seal the victory.

Antoine Wright led the Aggies (12-3, 1-3) with 24 points on 8-for-12 shooting, and was the only A&M player to score in double figures.

**No. 19 Michigan St. 71, Purdue 64:** At East Lansing, Mich., Maurice Ager scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half to help the Spartans get past the Boilermakers.

The Spartans (11-3, 3-1 Big Ten) looked sluggish early, still reeling from their collapse at Wisconsin on Sunday, before riding Ager's sharp shooting late in the game.

Carl Landry scored a career-high 31 points for Purdue (11-1, 0-5) and David Tague had 15. The Boilermakers are 0-5 in the Big Ten for the first time since the 1962-63 season.

**St. John's 65, No. 21 Pittsburg 62:** At New York, Pittsburg Hill, who had career highs of 29 and 30 in his last two games, only had three points over the final 15 minutes but they were enough to give the Red Storm (7-7, 1-3 Big East) their second victory this season over a ranked team.

Carl Krauser had 22 points, seven assists and eight turnovers for the Panthers (12-3, 3-2). The Red Storm won two in a row after dropping two straight at home.

## Syracuse-Georgetown rivalry shows new life

### No. 7 Orange prevail in overtime

By JOHN KEKIS  
The Associated Press

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** — The rivalry between Georgetown and Syracuse used to be one of the fiercest in college basketball.

The Hoyas had the volatile John Thompson prowling the sidelines, while Syracuse's Jim Boeheim ranted and raved every time the teams played. With John Thompson III coaching the Hoyas now and Boeheim still around, that rivalry might just be rekindled if Tuesday night's game is any indication of what lies ahead.

Given a second chance by Brandon Bowman's big feat, the No. 7 Orange squeezed out a 78-73 victory over the Hoyas in overtime Tuesday night.

"They go out and fight hard every time. It's a tradition," said senior forward Hakim Warrick, who had 25 points and 11 rebounds to lead Syracuse (18-1, 5-0 Big East).

On Tuesday, Syracuse won 57-54 at Georgetown on Gerry McNamara's three-pointer from the top of the key at the final buzzer. That was simply another low point in a bad season. The Hoyas won only 13 games under head coach Craig Esherick, their fewest wins since 1973-74, John Thompson's second year.

Worse still, Georgetown won only four league games, a record-low for the program, and was picked to finish at the bottom of the Big East this season.

But Thompson, whose famous father retired in 1999 after 27 years, was hired in April, and the results have been impressive.

With three freshmen starters, the Hoyas (11-5, 3-2) have won at Pittsburgh and Rutgers, threatened Connecticut before falling 66-59, and were coming off a last-second victory at Villanova.

Bowman nearly made Syracuse the next victim in a seesaw game that was tied seven times and had 10 lead changes.

After a free throw by Warrick gave Syracuse a 67-65 lead with 12 seconds left in regulation, Bowman was fouled by Craig Forth but missed the free end of a 1-and-1. McNamara then attempted a three-pointer, but the shot rattled in and out with 36 seconds to go, giving the Hoyas one last shot.

They worked the ball to Bowman at the top of the key, and he hit a jumper with 2.3 seconds left. But his 17-point, 17 free throws on the three-point line and if he'd scored tied at 67, forcing overtime.

"I saw an opportunity and knocked it down," said Bowman, who scored 19 points before fouling out in the final seconds. "I thought it was a three, but I guess my shoes are too big. I wish I was a size 16."

It was so close, the officials looked at the replay before ruling it a two-pointer.

"We wanted to put the ball in his [Bowman's] hands and let him decide," Thompson said. "I thought he was behind the line, but the replay showed he wasn't. Obviously, we're not going home the way we wanted to."

Syracuse then scored the first seven points of the extra period and won the tie straight.

"Thank God he was on the line," said McNamara, who scored 17 points and made five three-pointers to run his career total to a school-record 251. "We knew we were going to play a tough game."

Aside from the Orange's loss to Oklahoma State, Georgetown gave Syracuse its toughest game of the season despite serious foul trouble for its top three scorers.

Forth, who fouled out with 4:44 left in regulation, finished with 12 points, five rebounds and five assists, and Ashtan Cook, who was called for his fourth foul less than 2 minutes into the second half, had only seven points in 18 minutes.

Syracuse took charge early in the second half. Louisville led by 15-10 at halftime but started the biggest run of the game for either team, McNamara drained a three from the right corner after Bowman missed two more free throws, and Warrick sailed in alone for a resounding one-hand slam dunk after a turnover in the lane by Jonathan Walker.

That gave Syracuse a 74-67 lead, the largest for either team, and the Hoyas couldn't recover.

## Wake: Galloway, Thornton lift FSU offense in extra period

WAKE, FROM BACK PAGE

"You've got to stop somebody and we couldn't stop anybody," Prosser said.

At Thornton and Galloway took up the slack after Wafer cooled.

Galloway scored nine points in just over two minutes to give the Panthers an 89-80 lead with 37 seconds left.

Florida State's first four of the overtime and finished with a game-high 10 rebounds.

"We needed that type of effort from them and they all came through," Hamilton said.

Clark scored 20 points, just one shy of his career high, Downey added 21 and Eric Williams had 18 for Wake Forest.

Paul was 9-for-14 from the free-throw line, 10 straight free throws and led the Demon Deacons with nine rebounds.

## HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

## Winning combination

## Ansbach's Britton has fun winning titles with friends

BY RUSTY BRYAN  
Stars and Stripes

**E**ANSBACH, Germany  
ven though she's a  
major cog in Ansbach's  
elevation to one of  
DODDS's elite  
basketball teams, Cougars senior  
Brittney Britton isn't in it for just  
the trophies.

She likes the joy of playing with  
her friends.

"I couldn't say to play with any  
better people," said Britton, who was  
also the European Division III  
volleyball tournament MVP.  
"We're all good friends."

Those friends — particularly senior  
classmates Kate Johnson  
and Alison Hazen — have crafted  
quite a run at Ansbach.

The trio has been together for  
four years, punctuating their stay  
with a pair of European titles —  
one in basketball and one in vol-  
leyball — and dreams of one or two  
more in their last go-round to-  
gether.

Joy, as much as glory, however,  
remains Britton's motivation.

"It's more fun to play when you've  
already won [a basketball  
championship]," said Britton, a  
two-time All-Europe second-  
teamer who's averaging 19.2  
points per game this season.

"We have the confidence to do  
it again."

Not to mention the team con-  
cept which worked so well last  
basketball season. The Cougars  
went 18-2, with Britton out of the  
lineup because of illness in the  
two losses.

"There's never a dull moment  
playing with these guys," Hazen,  
the Lady Cougars' stalwart in the  
post, said of Britton, Johnson and  
sophomores Alicia Contreras and  
Kate Alegado. "Everybody gets a  
chance. There's no ball-hogging."

Just ball-playing.  
Britton's an excellent ball-  
handler, and an excellent shooter.  
Ansbach coach Mick Plummer  
said, "She can drive and score,  
and she can hit the three-point-  
er."

Johnson, the speedy team quar-  
terback who averaged 10 points  
per game last season, said Brit-  
ton's shooting makes everyone  
hard to defend.

"It's great playing with her,"  
she said. "When they're pressur-  
ing her, I'm open, and when they're  
pressuring me, she's open."

Plummer cited Britton's  
"flat-out athleticism" as her great-  
est strength. It's an athleticism that  
has allowed her to finish sec-  
ond the past two years only to Jill  
Dyer of Frankfurt International  
School in the 800 at the European  
track championships.

The 800 "has always been my



Ansbach's Brittney Britton, a two-time All-Europe second-team selection in basketball, is averaging 19.2 points a game for the Cougars this season and was the MVP of the Division III volleyball tournament.

event," said Britton, who ran  
2:26 to Dyer's 2:28 the past two  
seasons and is hoping to turn sil-  
ver into gold this May. "I've been  
running it since the sixth grade."

On the court, her athleticism  
and speed manifest themselves in  
other ways.

"She has great timing," Plum-  
mer said. "She makes some really  
great blocks. She doesn't just  
come down and jump at her oppo-

nent. She waits and waits for the  
opponent to take the shot and then  
tries to block it. Psychologically,  
it's really intimidating."

Britton said the experience of  
winning the 2004 volleyball title  
jump-started the team's basket-  
ball season.

"It does carry over," the  
first-team All-Europe volleyball  
selection said of the momentum  
of success.

No one's resting on their lau-  
rels in Ansbach, home of the  
three-time European Division III  
football champs as well as the  
Lady Cougars, even after all  
these years.

"It's the last one," Johnson said  
of the "Band of Sisters" quest for  
a second basketball title. "It's im-  
portant."

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## This week's schedule

**Basketball**  
(Boys and girls at same sites  
unless otherwise indicated)

**Friday**  
Division I — Bamberg at Heidelberg,  
Wiesbaden at International School of  
Bucarest

Division II — Black Forest Academy at  
Vilseck, Bittburg at Hanau, Patch at  
SHAPE

Division III — Alconbury at London Central,  
Baumholder at Ansbach, Hohenfels  
at Bamberg

Italy — Aviano at Naples, Marymount at  
Giulio, Sigonella at American Overseas  
School of Rome, Vicenza at Milan

Nonconference — Kaiserslautern at  
Mannheim, Lakeside at AFNORTH

**Saturday**  
Division I — Wiesbaden at International  
School of Brussels

Division II — Black Forest Academy at  
Vilseck, Patch at AFNORTH, Bittburg at  
Hanau

Division III — Alconbury at London Central,  
Baumholder at Ansbach

Italy — Naples at Aviano, Marymount at  
Livorno, Sigonella at American Overseas  
School of Rome, Vicenza at Milan

Nonconference — Lakeside at  
SHAPE

**Wrestling**  
At Bittburg: The American School in  
London, Bamberg, Kaiserslautern, Men-  
with Hill, SHAPE

At Paderborn: Karlsruhe, Hanau, Hohenfels,  
Mannheim, Vilseck, Würzburg

At Ramstein: Alconbury, Baumholder,  
Giulio, London Central

At Sigonella: American Overseas School  
of Rome, Aviano, Naples, Sigonella

At Wiesbaden: AFNORTH, Ansbach,  
Heidelberg, Lakeside

## Game of the week

What: Naples boys at Aviano basket-  
ball

When: 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Sat-  
urday

Where: Aviano High school gym

What's at stake: Saturday's winner re-  
mains in Italy League lead tie with Vicen-  
za

Only Saturday's game counts in the  
league standings, but this annual double-  
header showdown is always a litmus  
test of Italy League strength. This year,  
however, both teams say they lack de-  
tailed information about themselves as  
well as the other.

"This is an important game for both of  
us," Aviano coach Ken McNeely said.  
"This game will tell us what kind of team  
we are."

The Saints are in the dark, too, even  
though they have a 6-0 record this sea-  
son, because they've only played four  
times, and those were one-sided victo-  
ries over non-conference.

Defending European Division III cham-  
pion Naples will be a different story, Mc-  
Neely said.

"They've got that big (Mark) Pearyer  
back," McNeely said of Naples' 6-foot-5  
All-Europe returnee, whom Naples  
coach Richard Elford called "one of the  
better people in Europe."

"They've also got Jon Lizama, who  
came off the bench against us last  
year," McNeely added. "Having him  
come in off the bench tells us that they  
think he's good enough to come in and  
change the tempo of the game."

As usual, McNeely's short on height.  
"I've got five guards," he said. "One  
guarantee is that we'll average near-  
ly 30 points per game last season as  
shoot the ball, but we're not a one-man  
show. Our kids play well as a team."

Like McNeely, Elford's eager to see  
what his '05 squad is made of. In addi-  
tion to Pearyer and Lizama, he has  
Josh Karmikova, Noah Stevenson and  
Anthony "The Beast" Karmikova. First-  
quality free of the season, The Wildcats  
4-0 claimed 10th place wins over Milan  
and Livorno last weekend in their first ac-  
tual games of the season after opening  
with a double-fort from Marymount.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Daryl Gonzalez

Boys basketball

Vincenza

Last week: Gonzalez, a 6-foot-4 senior center, scored 14  
points and grabbed 21 rebounds on Friday as the Cougars de-  
feated visiting Sigonella 60-50. He added 16 points and 22 re-  
bounds in Saturday's 58-46 victory over the Jaguars.

The victories left the Cougars with a 6-0 record and tied  
with neighboring Aviano atop the American Schools in Italy  
League standings. Naples is a half-game behind the leaders  
with a 4-0 record.

"He's our captain and team leader," Vincenza coach John  
Zaborek said Tuesday. "He's the guy we like to go inside."

But teamwork doesn't account for all of Gonzalez's team-leading 14-plus points per  
game and 14-plus rebounds per game, Zaborek said.

"We try to work the ball inside," Zaborek said, "but he picks up a lot of things under  
the basket."

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## Tish Schelhas

Girls basketball

Baumholder

Last week: Schelhas, a 5-foot-5 senior guard, scored 36  
points and had 10 steals on Friday as the Lady Bugs turned  
back Hohenfels 52-34. Against the same opponent Saturday,  
she scored 21 points and made seven steals. Even so, Baum-  
holder fell 35-31, and Schelhas found little solace in her solid  
numbers, according to Baumholder coach Carier Hollenbeck.

"Although she currently leads the team in scoring," Hollen-  
beck wrote in an e-mail on Tuesday, "her main goal is the suc-  
cess of the team."

In addition to the 21 points and eight steals per game Schelhas contributes to the  
Lady Bugs, Hollenbeck wrote, his senior also directs his offense and provides leader-  
ship in other ways, too.

"Tish is an inspiration to everyone on the team," Hollenbeck wrote. "She is a  
'team-above-self' type person and it is demonstrated on and off the court."

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# Eagles' defense finds strength in numbers

BY BOB BROOKOVER

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — This is not the same defense that the Philadelphia Eagles took into the past three NFC championship games. It's not even the same defense they took into Pittsburgh 11 weeks ago, when the Steelers steamrolled them for 252 rushing yards on their way to a lopsided 24-0 victory.

The Eagles' defense that will take the field in Sunday's NFC title game against the Atlanta Falcons has much more speed, many more players and so much more depth than ever before.

It also is in good health. Defensive coordinator Jim Johnson loves all of the above.

The speed factor should come in particularly handy against the Falcons, who have that quarterback who's faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound and, if you believe the Nike commercial, capable of throwing a football out of the stadium.

Michael Vick is dangerous, but he's not Super Quarterback. History tells us that a fast, complicated defense can cause major problems for Vick and the Falcons. The most recent proof is Tampa Bay.

The Falcons' NFC South rival has linebacker Derrick Brooks and defensive end Simeon Rice, and they both have the ability to put pressure on Vick.

When the Bucs blanked Vick and the Falcons 27-0 in Week 13, the quarterback ran for 81 yards,

but he was sacked five times and threw two interceptions. The Falcons finished with 93 passing yards that day.

"Tampa has quickness," Johnson said. "And they were able to get turnovers against them in that game. There was a sequence in that game where Atlanta went right down the field and then turned it over on the 1-yard line. Part of stopping that team is getting turnovers."

The Eagles got second-half interceptions Sunday from Ike Reese and Jeremiah Trotter in their win over Minnesota, and that sucked the life out of Dan Culpepper, Randy Moss and the Vikings.

That's why players make are so vital in the postseason.

A year ago, the only outside pressure the Eagles got in the playoffs was from their championship-starved fan base. In their previous three NFC title games, they have had one sack, which resulted in a loss of 2 yards. And that was in their first title game against St. Louis.

They also have forced just one turnover in the three title games.

That came against Tampa Bay on a Bobby Taylor interception and did not result in points.

It's hard to imagine this Eagles defense, with Devin Kenney applying pressure from the outside and Trotter wreaking havoc in the middle, going an entire game without a turnover or a sack.

The Eagles have forced at least one turnover and made one sack in every game but one this season, and that was the season finale against Cincinnati when exhibi-



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tion football made an appearance in January.

The Eagles are not a bend-but-don't-break defense. They were a year ago against Carolina, but that changed after the Pittsburgh loss when Trotter regained his starting linebacker job. The gap in the middle of the Eagles' defense significantly narrowed after that.

Vick, as quick as he is, takes his share of sacks, and the Falcons allow their share. Their total of 50 was tied for the fourth most in the NFC and the fifth most in the NFL. Vick was sacked 46 times, tied for second most in the NFL. Only Houston's David Carr (49) was sacked more times, and he threw 145 more passes than Vick.

"Sometimes Vick runs himself into sacks," an NFL scout said.

Vick is also prone to surrender the football. He fumbled it a league-high 17 times this season and lost seven, which was tied for the league lead with Baltimore's Kyle Boller. He also threw 12 interceptions.

The Eagles, like Tampa Bay, have the speed to run Vick into mistakes.

As much as having speed and players helps the Eagles, they also have strength in numbers.

"We've got a lot of guys on this defense who are role players," Johnson said. "I don't think I've ever had this many role players on a defense before."

fensive scoring in four games against Pittsburgh and New England, in which they managed just two touchdowns.

**Bengals promote Brenahan to defensive coordinator**

CINCINNATI — Chuck Brenahan was promoted to defensive coordinator of the Cincinnati Bengals on Wednesday.

Brenahan, a Bengals' assistant last season who was the defensive coordinator for Oakland's division-winning team from 2000-2002, replaces Leslie Frazier, who was fired two weeks ago by coach Marvin Lewis.

# Patriots but what Belichick is seeing

BY CHUCK FINDER

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

FOXBORO, Mass. — Willie McGinest launched into his sermon last night with the first stall on the left, closest to the entrance to the New England Patriots' locker room underneath Gillette Stadium.

His congregants Sunday night were cameras, microphones and notepads.

His message was clearer than the moon over Cape Cod: Selfish players, football players of today can pray to their fallen idol anytime elsewhere.

Here at the House of Unification, William Belichick presiding, there is nothing spoken but the word of togetherness.

"We exemplify the word

'team,' McGinest said. "Sports kind of got away from that team concept. You get out there, really good players, and you're seeing them mouth off on television."

"We're not big on that. We don't have the selfish guys a lot of teams do. New England is a pretty quicky."

They strive for Sundays as one. It is the Patriots way of Belichick and Scott Pioli, the vice president and player personnel director who first joined the coach in Cleveland in 1992. Together in New England since 2000, they have found their calling together: Bring the right players into the tent, imbue cohesion and victories will come.

This is how a team went from 10 million over the salary cap and only 36 Patriots on the roster in 2000 and won a Super Bowl the next season. This is how a team endured 42 starters and 25 different lineups last season to win another Super Bowl. This is how a team won 30 of its past 32 games and rolls into Heinz Field for the AFC championship game Sunday with a starting lineup that changed almost weekly this season.

You think the Pittsburgh Steelers endured injuries and alterations? The Patriots (15-2) compete with them statistically in those categories, with 19 starters on offense and 20 on defense.

Sunday night, when the Patriots upended popular pick Indianapolis while limiting the record-setting offense to just one field goal in a 20-3 victory, New England had another new starter.

Twelve-year veteran Troy Brown revealed in telling the media after the game that it was his first start at wide receiver this season, after 51 starts in the previous five seasons.

No, under Belichick and Pioli, according to their gospel of unification, this particular old guy is a nickel back now. Plays it with passion and abandon, as weird as a receiver's No. 80 looks in the second round. Plays it regularly with the Colts seemingly picking on him Sunday with eight passes to slot re-

ceiver Brandon Stokley — but also still plays receiver (two catches for 13 yards) and returns punts (two for 28). Plays it all because it is the Patriots' thing to do.

"I didn't start calling up all the networks and saying, 'Come on in here,' because I'm playing both ways now," Brown said. "It doesn't matter if I start or not. My team needed me in a position that I wasn't used to playing (defensive back), and that's what I did. Whatever it takes to help this football team."

"A lot of guys wouldn't do that," Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson said.

This is the philosophy Pioli and Belichick sell when searching for players, and their Patriots buy, buy, buy... all the way to a 60-27 record since 2000.

Linebacker Mike Vrables, a player the Steelers never could quite find a steady spot for, found a measure of \$225,000 bonus and a two-way home with New England — he starts on the defensive line and plays goal-line tight end, from where he caught two touchdowns passes this season.

Don Davis was a nine-year linebacker who started for the first time in safety in the Patriots' final two regular-season games.

With regular cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole on injured reserve, rookie Randall Gay started 10 games in three positions in the secondary.

"We had guys step up who haven't had a whole lot of experience," offensive tackle Matt Light said. "We do it every year, but it is just amazing. This is a great place to play if you want to win football games."

"Your motivation is just to compete and put your best effort out there and win," Belichick said. "We have a lot of guys like that in our locker room."

So they can cut loose a malcontent like Lawyer Miller and not supposedly washed-up Rodney Harrison at safety. So they can trade for a disgruntled Corey Dillon. Because those players will adapt to the environment around the Patriots. It might seem like they're looking for sheep, players Belichick can herd. But, like McGinest sermonized, they certainly aren't looking for wolves.

"When you're around guys like Teddy Bruschi and Willie (McGinest) and David (Givens) and Troy Brown and Joe Andruzzi, you're around those guys all day, good things wear off," said quarterback Tom Brady, the only nationally recognized star on a team where the true star is the system.

Continued McGinest from his pulpit: "It's about the best team that's still standing."

Two of the past three years, that was the Patriots for wolves. Unification that Belichick and Pioli built.

# Jets' offensive coordinator resigns

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — New York Jets offensive coordinator Paul Hackett resigned Wednesday, ending a four-year stint marred by criticism for his conservative play-calling.

The move was expected after the Jets' 20-17 overtime loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Jets head coach Herman Edwards said "I agreed that the time was right to move in another direction," Hackett said in a statement. "There are other opportunities that I would like to explore. I leave knowing that

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I've worked extremely hard and had a hand in the organization's recent success."

The Jets showed little imagination in their version of the West Coast offense, ranking 17th in scoring this season even though Curtis Martin led the league in rushing with 1,697 yards.

Chad Pennington threw for 2,673 yards and 16 touchdowns, while the Jets ranked 22nd in passing yards.

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# No wasted effort for Agassi, Safin, Williams

## Kuznetsov also advances quickly; Sharapova has to rally to move on

By PAUL ALEXANDER  
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi and Marat Safin were quick and nearly mistake-free in advancing to the third round of the Australian Open.

The eighth-seeded Agassi looked sharp Wednesday in ousting Rainer Schüttler of Germany 6-3, 6-1, 6-0 in a rematch of the

2003 final. Agassi, who has been working through stiffness from a hip injury that raised doubts whether he could even play in the Grand Slam Open title.

Safin, who tied a record with 30 sets spanning 20 hours in seven matches last year, is trying to conserve energy this time after running out of gas against Roger Federer in the final. He needed only 1 hour and 21 minutes to oust Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Federer, meanwhile, had to hold off qualifier Takao Suzuki of Japan, outlasting him for 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win.

Agassi and Safin weren't the only ones in a hurry.

Putting a doping allegation out of her mind, U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, seeded fifth, took out her frustrations on Marion Bartoli of France 6-2, 6-0 in just 40 minutes.

Seventh-seeded Serena Williams lost only seven points in the second set of a 6-2, 6-0 win over Dally Randriantely of Madagascar that lasted 48 minutes.

But second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo and Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova both had to bounce back after losing the first sets in their matches.

As he did in his first-round match, Agassi looked as though he needed a little time to get loosened up. Once he did, Schüttler, a fellow baselineer, had no answer to his stinging, angled groundstrokes.

"To say it was 100 percent would probably be overstating it," Agassi said. "I felt as the match went on I was getting more comfortable with my movement, and that's a good thing. My movement was . . . plenty good enough for me to think about my



Andre Agassi didn't seem bothered by his hip injury in beating Rainer Schüttler in straight sets in the second round.

game and not think about that."

Agassi next faces fellow American Taylor Dent, seeded 29th, while Safin takes on No. 28 Marat Ancic.

"I think Taylor is as difficult an opponent as you can have," Agassi said. "He puts pressure on you constantly, makes you hit your shots. I'll have to be returning well and doing all sorts of things well."

Williams is trying to recapture the form that made her the Australian Open champion in 2003, when she completed her personal Grand Slam of four consecutive majors. She missed last year's tournament because of a knee injury.

She didn't drop a point on serve in the second set until the final game, when she made two forced errors. Williams set up match point with a curling forehand winner and ended the match with her sixth ace.

"I definitely tried to step my game up," said Williams, who hit 38 winners and only 16 unforced errors.

My form "is definitely getting better and better with each match," she said. "I hit a lot of winners against a girl that actually gets a lot of balls back. So I was excited."

Williams will play 18-year-old Sania



Maria Sharapova committed 44 unforced errors and needed six match points to finally beat Lindsay Lee-Waters and advance to the third round of the Australian Open.

Mirza, a 6-2, 6-1 winner over Petra Mandula, in the next round. Mirza, playing in her first major, is the first Indian woman to make the third round of a Grand Slam tournament.

Sharapova, a 17-year-old Russian star who beat Williams in the last Wimbledon final, needed six match points to beat American Lindsay Lee-Waters.

Sharapova committed 44 unforced errors, mostly in the first set, and looked exhausted, running a bag of ice over her neck and shoulders between games as temperatures rose to nearly 95 degrees.

Kuznetsova was forced to deal with a doping charge Tuesday. She joined WTA Tour CEO Larry Scott in a sharp rebuke of Belgian regional sports minister Claude Ederken, who said the Russian player tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine during a charity event last month.

While the common ingredient in cold medicine is on the banned list during competition, it's not off limits during the offseason.

"When I was on court, I wasn't thinking

about it," she said. But as she walked off, "it all started coming back."

She didn't rule out legal action against Ederken.

"It's not my decision now," she said. "He has to pay for it."

Ninth-seeded Vera Zvonareva of Russia, with 11 double-faults, lost 6-3, 6-3 to compatriot Vera Douchkova.

Mauresmo, the Olympic silver medalist and Australian runner-up in 1999, overcame poor serving in the first set and reeled off the last 10 consecutive games in a 2-6, 6-1, 6-0 win over 18-year-old Indian Sania.

On the men's side, French Open champion Thomas Gaudio overcame Olympic silver medalist Marat Fish 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (4), while Tommy Robredo (13), Dominik Hrbaty (20), Feliciano Lopez (24), Ancic (28), Dent (29) and 2002 Australian champion Thomas Johansson (30) also advanced.

Tommy Haas, seeded 16th, was upset 5-7, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-3 by Slovakia's Karol Bujick (22) and Paradorn Srichaphan (27).

Other seeded players ousted were Ivan Ljubicic (22) and Paradorn Srichaphan (27).

Janette Husárová, Slovakia, and Elena Likhovtseva (5), Russia, def. Casey Dellacqua and Nicki Pietrangeli, Australia, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4).

Elena Dementieva, Greece, and Nicole Pietrangeli, Australia, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, and Patty Schnyder (9), Switzerland, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, and Emma-Louise Gagliardi, Switzerland, def. Patricia Würtz, Austria, and Anni Wöhr, Germany, 6-2, 6-3.

Milagro Sequeira, Venezuela, and Mellen Tz, United States, def. Barbara Schett, Austria, and Patty Schnyder (9), Switzerland, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Marija Sanchez, Spain, and Antonella Serra Zanetti, Italy, def. Patricia Würtz, Austria, and Anni Wöhr, Germany, 6-2, 6-3.

Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, and Alicia Molik (6), Australia, def. Nathalie Dechy and Emilie Loay, France, 6-3, 6-2.

Lindsay Davenport and Corina Morariu (15), United States, def. Daniela Dominikovic and Evie Dominikovic, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.

Elena Dementieva, Russia, and Al Sugliano (8), Japan, def. Yulia Ivinskaya, Ukraine, and Tatiana Poutchek, Belarus, 6-3, 6-0.

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Kevin Kim, United States, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Marat Safin, Russia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

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Eugenia Linetskaya, Russia, def. Martina Sugliano, Slovakia, 6-0, 6-2.

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### Doubles

#### First Round

Martin Garcia and Mariano Hood, Argentina, def. Michael Hill, Australia, and Todd Phillips, United States, 6-1, 6-3.

Chris Haggard and Robbie Koenig, South Africa, def. Argentina, 6-4, 6-2.

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Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Todd Perry (16), Australia, def. Jean-François Bachelot and Cyril Saulnier, France, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5).

Jürgen Melzer, Austria, and Alexander Waske, Germany, def. Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Daniel Nestor (1), Canada, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

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# Clemens asks for \$22 million in arbitration

Seven-time Cy Young winner's request is a record; Gagne gets two-year deal in L.A.

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens followed a record-setting season with a record-setting salary request. Eric Gagne, another Cy Young Award winner, got a big deal, too.

After winning his seventh Cy Young Award, the Rocket asked for \$22 million in salary arbitration Tuesday, easily topping the previous high of \$18.5 million by New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter in 2001.

Clemens, who still hasn't decided whether to pitch this year or retire, was offered \$13.5 million by his hometown Houston Astros.

The \$8.5 million difference was exactly double the previous record spread, set by the Yankees and Jeter.

"We are proceeding down the arbitration path as if Roger were going to play," Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, said. "He has not yet decided whether to play in 2005, but I expect him to do so by Feb. 1 at the latest."

Not only does Clemens wear No. 22 on his uniform, he would be playing his 22nd major league season.

"We looked at what some of the comparables were — Greg Maddux, Randy Johnson — and we tried to use those star-quality players to come up with a number," Astros General Manager Tim Lincecum said.

Rather than swap figures with the Dodgers, Gagne agreed to a \$19 million, two-year deal with Los Angeles that includes a club option for 2007. Gagne, the 2003 NL Cy Young winner, has the right to void the option year, however, and become a free agent.

"We wanted to do everything we could to try to keep him," Dodgers General Manager Paul DePodesta said. "I don't like to be put in a position where we're pitted against one of our players."

Clemens was among 40 players who exchanged figures with their teams, a group that included Astros outfielder Lance Berkman and AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins. Gagne was among 30 players who agreed to deals before the exchange.

In addition, the Cubs and catcher Michael Barrett agreed to a \$12 million, three-year contract after swapping proposals. Barrett became the 50th player to agree to a deal among the 89 who filed for arbitration Friday.

If he decides to play, Clemens could have the highest salary for a pitcher in a season, topping the \$17.5 million made last year by Boston's Pedro Martinez. Johnson has the top salary among pitchers next year, calculated at \$16.5 million, including a prorated share of the \$1 million personal-services contract he signed with Arizona before he was traded to the New York Yankees.

Clemens, 42, left the Yankees after the 2003 season and intended to retire. But after former teammate Andy Pettitte signed with the Astros, Clemens was persuaded to sign with his hometown club.

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He took an undermarket deal that guaranteed him \$5 million, of which \$3.5 million was deferred without interest until July 1, 2006. Clemens earned an additional \$1,825,000 in bonuses based on his selection to the NL All-Star team and Houston's home attendance, which was more than 3.3 million, including the postseason.

Clemens had a remarkable season, going 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts. As he did last winter, he says he is leaning toward retirement but has not ruled out playing.

"As I've said all along we're going to wait patiently for his answer," Purpura said. "Having

Roger Clemens here is very important to the team, the city and the fans. It would be great to have Roger on board."

Berkman, eligible for free agency after next season, settled for \$11 million and the team offered \$10 million.

Santana, who went 20-6 with an AL-leading 2.61 ERA and 265 strikeouts, asked for a raise to \$6.8 million and was offered \$5 million. The left-hander lost his arbitration case last year and made \$1.6 million instead of his \$2.45 million request.

Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez asked for a raise from \$6 million to \$10.25 million and was offered \$8 million.

Tampa Bay had the most players who swapped figures with six, including right-hander Travis

Harper, who had the smallest difference at \$190,000 (\$840,000 vs. \$650,000).

If settlements are not reached, hearings before panels of three arbitrators will be held next month. Among those who agreed to contracts Tuesday were two other players who had become free agents: Seattle left-hander Ron Villone (\$4.2 million for two years) and Philadelphia second baseman Placido Polanco (\$4.6 million for one season). Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins got a \$3.85 million contract and pitcher Vicente Padilla agreed at \$3.2 million.

Anaheim agreed to contracts with pitchers Jarrod Washburn (\$6.5 million) and Scot Shields (\$925,000) and catcher Jose Molina (\$725,000). Colorado settled with pitchers Jason Jennings (\$7

million over two years) and Joe Kennedy (\$2 million).

World Series champion Boston agreed to one-year contracts with second baseman Mark Bellhorn (\$2.75 million) and right-hander Bronson Arroyo (\$1.85 million). Baltimore reached agreements with three players: pitchers B.J. Ryan (\$2.6 million) and Rodrigo Lopez (\$2,375,000), and second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. (\$1.8 million).

The Cubs also agreed to one-year deals with center fielder Corey Patterson (\$2.8 million) and reliever Kyle Farnsworth (\$1,975,000).

Among free agents, the Indians agreed to a \$2.7 million, two-year deal with infielder Alex Cora and the New York Mets agreed to a minor league contract with reliever Roberto Hernandez.



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# With game on line, Wake Forest falters

## FSU capitalizes on end of No. 3 Deacons' free-throw streak

BY BRENT KALLESTAD  
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Wake Forest was right where it wanted to be: at the foul line with a chance to take the lead.

Then, the third-ranked Demon Deacons' top free-throw shooter did the unthinkable. He missed.

Wake Forest's NCAA record-streak of 50 consecutive free throws ended on Taron Downey's miss with the game tied at 76 and 4 seconds left, and Florida State went on to win 91-83 in overtime Tuesday night.

"That was a moment where I was probably a little concerned," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said.

"They had hit, what, 50 straight free throws."

Downey was fouled by Ralph Mims while making a desperation three-pointer.

"It felt good when it left my hand," Downey said. "But you know, it happens like that sometimes."

Wake Forest (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) made 32 straight foul shots Saturday in a 95-82 victory over North Carolina and its first 18 Tuesday night before Downey's miss.

Wake Forest's 50 straight free throws eclipsed the mark of 49 set in 1991 by Indiana State.

"They'd already set a record," Hamilton mused. "It was time to start another one."

Todd Galloway scored nine straight points in overtime and finished with a career-high 21 to help Florida State snap Wake Forest's 10-game winning streak.

Von Wafer scored 25 of his career-high 30 points in the first half as Florida State (10-8, 2-3) twice opened 19-point leads on its way to a 46-32 lead at halftime.

"We've talked about him for two days," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "He's a time bomb. Our players were cognizant of that."

Prosser wanted his team to keep Wafer from getting the ball. "I haven't seen a guy yet score without the ball," Prosser said.

Wafer was 6-for-8 from three-point range and 9-for-13 overall in the first half. He was one of three Seminoles who had career highs.



Florida State's Adam Waleskowsky, center, celebrates with the fans after a 91-83 overtime victory over No. 3 Wake Forest on Tuesday in Tallahassee, Fla. Wake Forest had won 10 straight going into the game.

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